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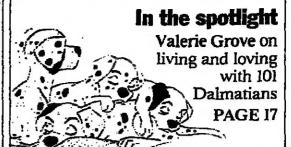
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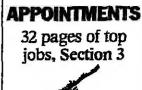
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Tory grandees 'preparing plot to depose Major'

CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

SENIOR Conservative MPs believe that a group of Tory grandees is plotting to oust John Major after the May council

They have told The Times that the group includes leading figures previously regarded as loyal to the

Many MPs and ministers, increasingly despairing of the Gov-ernment's chances of overhauling

polls, say that the Prime Minister's eadership will come under renewed pressure after heavy losses in the May poll. But the claims that Mr Major is losing the confidence of prominent figures who rallied to his side in last summer's leadership election suggest that the scale of the threat to him is more serious than many Tories have supposed. Mr Major's backers, who remain

numerous, will dismiss the claims, which are being advanced by figures on the Right and the Left of tricks operation by disaffected MPs unable to come to terms with the Prime Minister's victory over John Redwood.

Ministers genuinely loyal to the Prime Minister are adamant that he will fight off any attempt to unseat him. But the fact that rumours of a high-level conspiracy are circulating at Westminster is a further indication that his position has been weakened by the turmoil of the last few weeks, which have

son to the Liberal Democrats and Baroness Thatcher's demand for a return to right-wing policies.

It appears that senior Tories apparently loyal to Mr Major have been considering an attempt to replace him for some time. The Times has been told that as long ago as last summer loyal backbenchers were taking discreet soundings among colleagues. Some leading figures in the Lords are rumoured to be involved in the current moves

leadership election early last July was because he became aware that he was the target of wider dissatis-faction than that voiced by his Euro-sceptic critics.

It is also being suggested that the plot has been reactivated in recent weeks out of despair at the Govern-ment's continued dismal poll ratings, the rebirth of the Centre-Left after last summer's Cabinet reshuffle and anger over the Prime Minister's handling of the Nolan report, which requires MPs to

mentary consultancies. One MP who claimed to be aware that something was afoot said: "These people are motivated by one thing alone - power. They believe that the Conservative Party has a divine right to rule and they don't want to

pay the higher taxes that would

come with a Labour government." Known dissidents on the Right and the Left have been speculating about a "bloodless coup" in which the leadership is smoothly trans-ferred to Michael Heseltine withleadership contest. But close friends of Mr Redwood last night discounted such a possibility.

Mr Major was given a boost yesterday as Sir Richard Body, the last of the "whipless" Tory rebels, returned to the fold. His Commons majority officially rises to five, although it would drop to three again if the Tories lose the two pending by elections.

> gave his name as Abrek. Tokcan, the hijackers' lead-

> er, claimed in a telephone call

to Anatolia that explosives had been placed under lorries and fuel depots. He also said they

had 50 friends on board, many carrying guns. The Turkish Interior Minis-

ter. Teoman Unusan, said

Tokcan was from Düzce, in

northern Turkey, and had

fought with Chechen rebels

seeking to breakaway from

The hostage-takers said they had no argument with

the Turkish Government and

would free Turks on the 3,838-

tonne Avrasya. Tokcan added: This is a warning to

"It is a very sensitive inci-dent," President Demirel of

Turkey said. "No such thing happened to us before. There

were plane hijackings but a

ship hijacking never hap-pened to us before."

At its present rate, the ferry

could reach Istanbul by late today or early tomorrow.

depending on the weather. Ali Caner, a Turkish passenger, told the television station they

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were being treated well.

Russia.

Terrorists set to

end hijack of

Black Sea ferry

FROM THOMAS DE WAAL IN MOSCOW AND CARLOTTA GALL OUTSIDE PERVOMAISKOYE

THE TURKISH Government

and pro-Chechen commandos who have hijacked a Black Sea

ferry agreed in principle last

night to end the crisis peacefully.
But other Chechens were

holding out with hostages for the third day running in the village of Pervomaiskoye in

southern Russia despite sal-

voes of Grad rockets, artillery

bombardment and attacks by

helicopter gunships. The head of Turkish intelligence said

the ferry hijackers could reach Istanbul safely and surrender

after holding a news confer-ence — a deal to which the

commando leader agreed, ac-

cording to the semi-official

The gunmen, who are hold-

ing about 200 hostages, had

earlier given warning that a rescue attempt would force

them to blow up the ship.

blocking the Bosphorus

"We've all got 10lb of explo-

sives strapped to our chests," one hijacker told Reuters by

telephone from the Turkish vessel in the Black Sea as it was shadowed through 20ft

waves by two Turkish coast-guard ships. That's enough to

blow up both us and the whole

boat," said the gunman, who

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Palace refuses to settle £1m debts

The Queen will not bail out Duchess

BY EMMA WILKINS AND ANNE ASHWORTH

THE QUEEN is refusing to help the Duchess of York with debts of more than £1 million, Buckingham Palace said

yesterday.

The Duchess, whose prolific spending far outreaches herincome, is being told to face up to her financial responsibilities alone. The Duchess's office said yesterday that she was quite aware of the Queen's decision and that she was making huge economies. It is legally possible that she could be bankrupted, since she has few assets, but it is unlikely. As the scale of her problems

- including interest charges of up to £90,000 a year became clear, royal officials pointed to the Queen's substantial provision for her daughter-in-law. She received a £2 million settlement when she separated from her husband four years ago, securing two daughters' futures and giving her a generous income to rent a home.

In a highly unusual move yesterday, the Palace made clear that the Queen was not prepared to intervene any further. "The Duchess's business ventures are conducted quite separately from any royal duties, and any transactions resulting from them must be resolved between the Duchess and her business associates and creditors. They are not a matter for the Queen," a spokesman said.

"The Queen has made gencrous provisions to the Duchess over a number of years and reached a private agreement in 1992.

Since her separation, the Duchess has carried out no official royal duties and therefore whatever business diffi-culties she has got into are a matter for her, her bankers and advisors to sort out. It's not up to the Queen."

This could prove an expensive year for the Queen. She may have to contribute to a divorce settlement for the Princess of Wales and if Prince Edward were to become engaged to Sophie Rhys-Jones. the Queen would probably buy the couple a house.



The Duchess will have to deal with creditors

The Duchess's problems stem from her failure to make the fortune she hoped from her Budgie books, while con-tinuing to lead a lavish lifestyle punctuated by frequent trips overseas.

Redecorating Kingsbourne the Victorian mansion in Wentworth, Surrey, that she rents for £6,000 a month — is estimated to have cost tens of thousands of pounds, and the wages bill for her staff of cook. dresser, butler, nanny, chauffeur and a clutch of personal assistants is estimated at £32,000 a month.

She has now embarked on a cost-cutting exercise, includ-ing reducing her staff and abandoning her new year skiing holiday at Klosters. Her press secretary. Dominique Vulliamy, left this week along with her assistant, Simone Canetty-Clarke, and will not be replaced.

Ms Vulliamy denied yesterday that she had left after arguing with the Duchess, but said it would be inappropriate to comment further. Kate Waddington, another member of the Duchess's staff, said: "The reason that Dominique because of financial cutbacks. There used to be five of us in

the office, but now there are

just three."

Ms Waddington said the Duchess would not comment on her financial affairs — "it's a private matter and nothing more is going to be said" although she admitted last year that she was in trouble.

In a recent interview, the Duchess said that she intend ed to spend more time generating income. "I have decided to concentrate on my commercial activities and cut back momentarily my trips for charity. I have to work to earn my living, to be able to provide my daughters with a pleasant

upbringing," she said.
She has also insisted that she is making huge cutbacks and that she is scrupulous in separating her charity money and private finances. "Nobody can say that I use any of my charity money for personal use because it would simply not be true. You know the truth is I always pay my way."

The Duchess is said to have

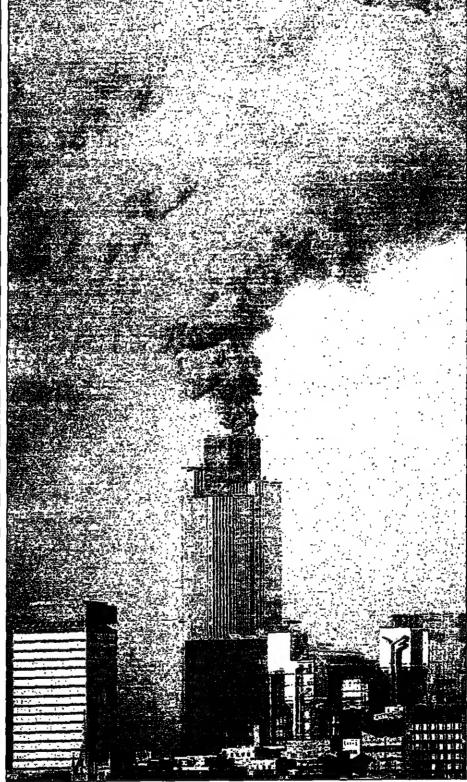
her overdraft with Courts. The bank does not discuss individual accounts, but it said that a customer with a large loan would probably be charged an arrangement fee plus interest at 2 or 2.5 points over the base rate of 6.5 per cent.

All customers with less than E3,000 in their accounts pay bank charges of 75p per state-ment entry, plus a £45 quarterly management fee.

Assuming that a customer made a hundred transactions

each month - a reasonable number for a freespending globetrotter - and an interes rate of 9 per cent, the annual charge for a £1 million over-draft would be about £91,080. An ordinary mortal with a high street current account would not be allowed to run up such a debt. But if it were permitted, it would be more expensive. For authorised overdrafts, Barclays charges 1.5 per cent per month, plus a £5 monthly charge. That would mean £180,000 a year.

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A pall of smoke hangs over the City as fire rages on top of the 600 ft tower

Fire hits NatWest Tower

BY CAROL MIDGLEY AND DOMINIC KENNEDY

ONE of the City of London's most famous landmarks, the NatWest Tower, was ravaged by fire yesterday as workers were repairing damage caused by an IRA bomb in

The blaze on the top of the 45-storey tower sent dense black smoke across the skyline above the financial heart of the capital as 500 workmen in hard hats rushed down fire escapes to evacuate the 600 ft

vacant office block. Experts began their investigation last night into what is likely to be one of the most expensive blazes of recent years.

There were no injuries. Roads in the area were blocked and firefighters were aided by a high-tech airborne infra-red camera that has just started operation on a trial basis. The "spy in the sky" camera picks up heat waves coming from fires and trans-

forms them into pictures. The NatWest Tower had been devastated by the Bishopsgate bomb which killed one person on April 24, 1993. When the tower opened in 1980, it was Europe's tallest building, having cost £72 million and nine years to complete. It was overtaken in height by Canary Wharf in

London's Docklands. Estimates for the repairs

The latest round of discounting

comes in response to aggressive com-

petition from the major supermarket

chains, which have taken around 23

per cent of the petrol retail market by

selling it as a "loss leader" for their

companies in following the lead we

have set," said Tom Vyner, deputy

chairman of Sainsbury's. "Our com-

mitment is to offer the best possible

"We welcome this move by the petrol



FURTHER REDUCTIONS AT THE AUSTIN REED SALE.



Oil giants cut more than 4p off petrol prices

TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

A DISCOUNT war broke out between Britain's largest petrol retailers yester-day when Shell slashed up to 4.4p a

litre off its prices from midnight last night at all 2,000 of its garages. The move came the day after Esso, the market leader with 2,100 forecourts, announced it was scrapping its 10-year-old "Tiger tokens" gift promotion in favour of lower pump

prices throughout the country. Previously, Esso had concentrated its price reductions in the North East of England and central Scotland, Its new pledge promising pump prices "among the lowest available" and "normally unbeatable" is likely to result in cuts of

at least 3p a litre. David Pirret, general manager of Shell UK's retail division, said: "We have competed vigorously in a regional price war for around six months and are now offering lower prices to the

None of the other leading petrol retailers announced price cuts of their own, but industry experts said it was only a matter of time before they followed suit. Shell and BP said they would be

rest of the country." Yesterday's reduc-

tions means that a litre of Shell

Advanced 4 Star falls from 63.9p to 50.5p while a litre of Shell Advanced

Unleaded will fall from 58.9p to 56.9p.

keeping their service station gift

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Revealed! Blair's oh so simple stakeholder masterplan

Labour's plans for Britain are clear at last. we know what Tony Blair meant in Singapore by "stakeholder" Britain. Details were revealed to MPs yesterday by Margaret Beckett, chief opposition spokesman

on trade and industry.
Under Labour there will be
a great, united, national effort", she said. And that was all she said. The plan is devastatingly simple.

Mrs Beckett's announcement was received in something close to shock at the audacity of the strategy. But of course! Like all strokes of genius, once explained it seemed so obvious. Why had nobody thought of this be-fore? For 15 years the Tories have been gassing on about deregulation, privatisation and the like, while "old" Labour has been advocating State control. Thrusting both aside, Mr Blair and his team have cut the Gordian knot. Mrs Beckett was responding to lan Lang, the Industry

about Britain's trade balance. How could this be improved? By a great, united, national effort, Mrs Beckett said. After this insight, it was a wonder anybody bothered to stay.

But we did. to hear James Pawsey (C, Rubgy and Kenil-worth) ask about an exotic new element in European thinking he called "the Seychelles chapter". Either they are even posher in Rugby and Kenilworth than we had imagined, or EU enlargement proceeds alarmingly. As Pawsey spoke, Ian Lang

sweet-talk even the sourcest old

POLITICAL SKETCH gazed round from the front bench in apparent rapture. Tory backbenchers, now is don NE), a man with the tor, found his thoughts on your hour! Terrified of further Labour's policy failures recrived by ministers as might be a lecture from Wittgendefections, government whips have ordered frontbenchers to

MATTHEW PARRIS

stein. The youthful Nigel Evans (C. Ribble Valley), ever lags behind them, though Pawsey does not look particuready with an apple for the teacher, found Mr Lang ready with a basketful of peaches.

An astonished Sir Michael Grylls (C. Surrey NW), who had chanced a mild observation or two to Richard Page, a junior minister, was greeted with the news that I have always listened to you with reverence and affection". We do think this was going a bit far. The day Sir Michael abandons the Party of Capitalism we may expect the Pope to denounce St Peter, But ministers went further.

Teresa Gorman ruse (well, took off) with some familiar

ives, her drift being that these should just be ignored. "I do have a lot of sympathy." crooned another junior minister, Phillip Oppenheim, "with that. I think my hon friend makes some fair points there."

Was this necessary? It is hard to imagine where Mrs Gorman could defect to, except Outer Space. When Nicholas Budgen (C, Wolver-hampion SW), who was being beastly as usual, heard Mr. Oppenheim "reciprocate my hon friend's warm congratudered whether flattery could be pushed further. It was. Oppenheim congratulated him on his sporting creden-

Only Michael Fabricant (C. Mid Staffordshire) missed the new mood. Thanking lan Taylor for his answer, Fabricant told the minister he had found it "long, detailed and helpful". Poor child. He thinks backbenchers are still supposed to flatter ministers. rather than the other way

Give all workers a stake in their firm, says Labour

Secretary, in an exchange

THE Labour leadership will today call on employers to allow all staff to own shares in their companies. It will pledge that a Labour Government will find ways of encouraging more firms to give shopfloor workers the same rights to shares as senior executives.

The party aims to remove administrative barriers to share option schemes and to sweep away the cultural obstacles to the idea of lower-paid workers being given the chance of owning a part of

Support for "shares for all" is the latest example of a dramatic shift in economic attitudes. Only a few years ago the prevailing party attitude to shares was one of suspicion.

Labour, which is taking advice from City experts and companies running share ownership schemes, will look at whether existing tax incen-tives are being used efficiently. But sources emphasise there is no "pot of gold" from which new tax concessions can suddenly be found.

The plans, to be heralded in a speech by Alistair Darling, Labour's City spokesman, coincide with a regional tour by Tony Blair to sell his vision of the "stakeholder economy." They are seen by Mr Blair as an important and symbolic part of his stakeholder

That concept came under further attack from the Tories yesterday after John Monks, general secretary of the TUC,

said in The Times that it would help the unions to rebuild their influence. His claim, that it was the means by which individual members could collectively make their voices heard and realise their "stakes" in society, was seized on eagerly by Conservatives, as was a call yesterday from John Edmonds, general secretary of the GMB, for new laws

on employees' rights. Mr Edmonds told BBC Radio's The World at One: "People in Britain have fewer rights to information, they have less right to know what is going on in their company, they are more insecure at work and more easily sacked. Now some of those have to be

put right by legislation.
"We already take many cases of individuals to indus-



Darling: says plans do not need legislation

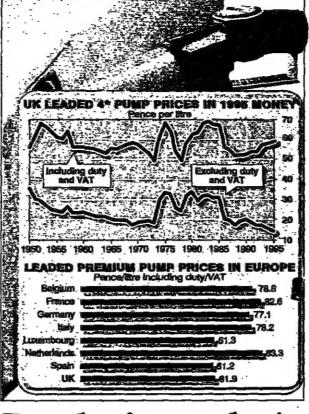
trial tribunals and I can see that as the rights in Britain are brought up to European stanneed under a stakeholder economy for trade union support to ensure those rights are properly implemented."

Mr Darling insisted that the plans did not need new laws to make them work. He said: "All history shows, if you pass rules and regulations to try and force someone to change their culture, it doesn't work. You have to convince people that the only way they are going to succeed is firstly by ensuring that everybody who works for a company, from the boardroom to the shopfloor, feels involved in making that company successful."

Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, attacked the Labour initiative as "empty flannel" that revealed nothing of policy perity. "It is waffle."

Adair Turner, Director-General of the CBI, said there was no need for trade union laws. "We are wary of new legislation. What has to happen is for businesses, sometimes working with trade unions, to be clear about the training and motivation that they need to give to workers to make sure they feel they have a real stake in the company."

Today Mr Darling will argue that shareholding should no longer be seen as an optional extra, or something unusual, but "as the norm in a dynamic economy".



Petrol prices cut by 4p

Continued from page 1 value to our customers and this we will continue to do. We have obviously set the petrol giants a challenge."

Paul Mancey, trading man-ager for Tesco Petrol, which sells unleaded at 53.8p a litre and 4 Star at 60p a litre, said the cuts proved that the major oil companies had been overcharging their customers. They have justified their higher prices by claiming their petrol is better quality than that sold by the supermarkets. These claims have never been justified."

City analysts said selling was now perilously close to being unprofitable and warned that thousands of small garages could be forced out of business by the price a litre on the international oil markets compared with a retail price of about 13p before tax in Britain. The 5p difference has to cover the cost of transporting and selling the

petrol and allow for a profit. The price cuts were warmly welcomed by motoring organ-isations, which urged drivers to shop around for the best deals. The effect of a 3p per litre price cut would mean a fuel bill saving of about £36 a. year for a motorist clocking up 8,000 miles and £54 for a driver averaging 12,000 miles,

The British average before the latest price cuts of 61.9p for leaded premium petrol compares with 82.6p in France and 77.1p in Germany. Only Luxemburg was cheaper at 61.3p.

Treasure seeker to get £141,000

By DALYA ALBERGE

MAN who stumbled across magnificent hoard of 126 Roman gold coins while learning to use a metal detector will receive £141,850 as a reward. The money will be shared with farmer who rents the land where the coins were found and the owner of the field.

The figure, determined by the value of a find, was set by the independent Treasure Trove Reviewing Committee

which met yesterday.
The coins, which include examples dating from the reign of the emperor Nero and span a period of about 100 years from AD 64, are described by the British Muse-um as one of the richest finds of Roman gold to have been made in this country. They were unearthed in an Oxfordshire field by William

Darley, 52, an iron moulder from Didcot, who had taken up the hobby only a month earlier. He said: "I'm really excited about how much it's made. I'll going on holiday with my wife. I'll also invest it. Of course the money is won-derful but what has delighted me more than anything is knowing I have found a little piece of history."

He recalled yesterday how he had asked the local farmer for permission to practise his new passtime in his field. "He laughed and said, 'If you find any gold coins, we'll split them 50-50'."

The British Museum is keen to acquire the collection, but must raise the £141,850. It expects to approach bodies such as the National Art Collections Fund for help.

sive brain surgery and whose

nsation for a broken

said: "I am disgusted. She

complains she can't jog. but

Arms inquiry judge picked for new post

Sir Richard Scott, the judge chairing the arms for Iraq inquiry, has been chosen by the Lord Chancellor for the new post of head of civil justice. Sir Richard, 61, who is finalising his 2,000-page inquiry report, will undertake the job as well as his present post of Vice-Chancellor of the Supreme Court. His salary of £110,137 will not be increased. The new post was recommended by Lord Woolf in his

interim report on civil justice. The idea was to raise the status of the civil courts by appointing a senior judge to oversee reforms and co-ordinate practice in the High Court and county courts. The Lord Chancellor, Lord Mackay of Clashfern, said: "The Vice-Chancellor will be able to provide the leadership and authority required to carry forward the reforms which are required to improve the civil justice

Poll backs assembly

Ulster Unionist hopes of setting up an elected assembly in Northern Ireland received an important boost yesterday when an opinion poll found that 70 per cent of people in the Province supported the proposal. As Sinn Fein reiterated its opposition to the plan at its first joint meeting with the British and Irish Governments, the Ulster Unionists heralded the poll as a vindication of their stance.

Prison chains removed

The Prison Service last night removed the chains from a woman immate being treated for Alds in a London hospital. The woman, aged 34, had been held on remand in Holloway jail accused of supplying heroin. The decision was made as the Home Office prepares for an imminent announcement which will outline an easing of the guidelines under which women prisoners are shackled while attending hospital.

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Abduction charge

Andrew Pountley, 31, a disc jockey, was remanded in custody yesterday by magistrates at Oldham, Greater Manchester, charged with the abduction of Rosemary McCann, five, from her home. No application for bail was made during his three-minute appearance and reporting restrictions were not lifted. The girl was still missing last night despite extensive searches by police.

Body flown home

A private funeral will be held this weekend for Celine Figurd, the French student who was raped, killed and dumped at a layby near Worcester. Her body, accompanied by her father Bernard, was flown home to France yesterday where the funeral is expected to take place on Saturday. She was last seen alive accepting a lift from a lorry driver at the Chievely service station on the M4 in Berkshire.

West appeal hearing

A rare sitting of the full Court of Appeal is to decide in March whether Rosemary West should be granted leave to appeal against her ten murder convictions. The Lord Chancellor's Department said the decision was made because of the high degree of public interest. Lawyers acting for West, who is serving her life terms at Durham jail lodged her grounds for appeal last month.

Sacked woman wins

An accountant who was sacked after being diagnosed as having cancer while she was pregnant yesterday won her case for unfair dismissal. Richard Fulwell, Tee-Gee Snacks's finance director, told the tribunal that he was advised that Carole Coe, 30, of Hyde, Greater Manchester, had no right to return to work because she had been with the company for less than two years. Her award will be decided in March.

Cider claim settled

A mother of three who claims she suffered brain damage after drinking lead-polluted cider from a painted mus accepted £55,000 in an out-of-court settlement yesterday. Marian Bloom, 41, told the High Court the poisoning occurred during regular use of the mug at the Queen's Head in Stradbroke, Suffolk. Landlord Frederick Farrow and his

Police predict £12m bypass protest bill

By TIM JONES

THE Chief Constable of Thames Valley said yesterday that the cost of policing the Newbury bypass protest over the next two years could reach EIZ million and would affect police operations throughout the area. Charles Pollard has told David Madean, a Home Office Minister, that, without extra government money, the force would face intolerable

At a press conference Mr Pollard said: "Essentially, we are being asked to police from our force resources what is a national event. But there is a limit to the resources and

manpower we have."
Mr Pollard added: "We estimate the additional burden for us over the two-year period could amount to £12 million, but that is maybe an underestimate. Police forces expect unusual events

to put a strain on their resources but Thames Valley and Hampshire are faced with the possibility of a conflict that could go on for more than two years, sucking in men and draining resources which otherwise would be used for normal policing." Meanwhile, a huge in-crease in the number of

security guards yesterday enabled contractors to complete their first full day's work since the battle of the Newbury bypass began ten days ago. Protected by more than 300 guards and scores of police. the chain saws buzzed all day on two sites as dozens of trees were felled.

More than 30 people were arrested and some protesters. who had been arrested earlier in the week, said they were ignoring bail conditions by revisiting the site.

Outcry over Maguire's cash award

By JILL SHERMAN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

MPs and terrorist victims spoke out yesterday against a £13,500 compensation award to a convicted bomber. Donna Maguire, for injuring her ankle when she tripped on a pavement.

David Wilshire, Tory MP for Speithorne, tabled a Commons motion calling on the Government to end the "unfairness" of current compensation schemes and to ensure that convicted terrorists could not "financially exploit the state they were seeking to

destroy". The motion added: "While the ankle damage made it impossible for the convicted errorist to wear high-heeled shoes and to dance, it did not prevent her attempting to murder five soldiers or act as an IRA spy on military

Last night he pointed out that the parents of a child murdered in the Warrington bomb blast had been awarded only £7,500, and victims with multiple injuries in the 1992 London Baltic Exchange explosion received £10,000 Jacques Arnold, Tory MP for Gravesham, said: "A person who is agile enough to take part in various terrorist

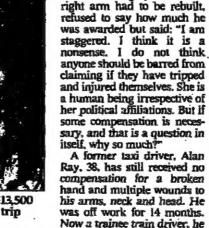
activities is about the last person to be compensated for this kind of thing. The money would have been better spent laying the paving stones." Ms Maguire, 29, sued the Department of the Environ-

ment claiming she injured herself falling in Newry. Co Down, in 1985. In June last year she was convicted of the attempted murder of five soldiers at Quebec Barracks in Osnabruck, Germany, in 1989. She was released almost immediately as she had spent six years in custody awaiting

Yesterday the parents of 12year-old Tim Parry, killed by a 1992 bomb in Warrington, Cheshire, pointed out that she



consequences." Among the Baltic Exchange victims, ship broker Jeffrey

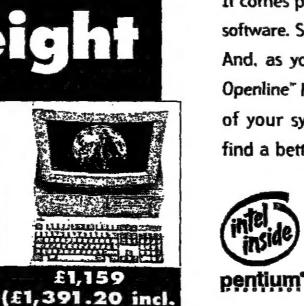


for pavement trip

much as their £7,500 compensation. Colin Parry said: "It is absolutely disgusting. It con-firms my feeling that wrong-doers are better looked after than those who suffer the

the IRA's victims can't dance or sing now." Raymond Fayers, 47, a bank security guard, received £7,500 after his finger was left twisted by the City blast. He said: What does it mean, she can't do a jig any more?"

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Prince Michael of Kent looks on as campaigner disrupts centenary commemoration in Coventry

Anti-car protester strips at cathedral service

A LATTER-DAY Lady Godiva bared her all in Coventry Cathedral yesterday in protest the centenary of the motor car. With Prince Michael of Kent and an array of dignitaries from the motor industry sitting a few feet away, the woman sprang from a side aisle and cast off her coat to expose a body daubed with anti-car slogans.

Before police and stewards rushed to cover her dignity, she shouted: "In the spirit of Lady Godiva, I am here to mourn the death of my mother and the 17 million people killed directly by the motor

The 5ft 10in protester de-clared herself to be Angel Koyanti, but it was later discovered that she is Lucy Pearce, a dedicated anti-roads campaigner with a string of

Her hatred of cars stems from the death of her mother in a road accident in 1965. She now describes herself as a worshipper of Mother Earth, and lives with other "ecowarriors" in an encampment beside the proposed A30 route

Ms Pearce, 35, said she had been born in Oxfordshire and educated in Bedfordshire before going to Exeter University, where she was known as

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John Petty, cathedral provost, invites protesters in

women theatre company known as Bearded Women before changing her name and becoming an activist in 1991. She and her accomplice,

Theo Simon, 38, were released after being questioned by police. Wearing a plastic police-issue suit, she said: "I have written numerous letters to MPs and newspapers and it seemed that exposing my body was the only avenue left open to me. We had been in the Chapel of Industry at the cathedral and suddenly thought that we must do

something.

I wanted to lock myself to the pulpit and Theo was there to help me do it. The aim was to stop the service. But someone managed to get their hand between my neck and the lock.

to say." She had urged the congregation "to remember the mothers left childless, the orphaned children, our brothers. sisters. fathers and friends. Those paralysed and maimed. The epidemic of

asthmatic children."

Ms Pearce added: "I sup-pose my mother's death must have had something to do with me getting involved in this cause, but it is also because my sister's little boy suffers from asthma although they live in a suburban area and he is not even two yet. I believe his asthma is because of car

testers had gathered outside, dressed as angels, bishops and pantomime horses. The provost, John Petty, invited some

Barrington-Ward, Bishop of Coventry, defended the ser-vice, which had been initiated by Coventry councillors. The proceedings began with an 1897 Daimler Autocar being driven up the aisle and ended with an electric Peugeot 106. also made in Coventry, gliding out of the West Door.

-1 thought the disruption inside the cathedral was a pity, but you cannot stop demonstration; it is part of people's freedom. I am only surry that they couldn't have done it with a little more dignity and restraint." the

In a sermon on the parable of the two cars, he said that the Daimler represented the thanksgiving for all the benefits the car had bestowed, and the Peugeot man's penitance for the way it had been misused. Prince Michael gave a short reading.

Ms Pearce's friends at

Allercombe camp in Devon said the woman they know as Angel Quercus - a shared tribal surname - had discussed a Coventry protest over a month ago. Scarlett Quercus said: "She was making a point with nudity just as Lady Godiva did. We felt it was completely sick to celebrate a machine which has cost countless lives and sicker still to hold the service at the same cathedral where the funeral of Jill Phipps [the animal rights protester | was held."



Lucy Pearce casts off her fake-fur coat in Coventry Cathedral to reveal slogans condemning the car

Man is guilty of assault on vandals

By A STAFF REPORTER

BUSINESSMEN who grabbed two boys he suspect-ed of breaking his greenhouse. windows was found guilty of

assault yesterday.

David Verney, 54, heard the sound of breaking glass as he was hoeing a rosebed and jumped into his Range Rover to give chase from his moated home in Uckington.

Justices in Coleford were told that Mr Verney, a former Army and County rugby play-er, drove two miles to lie in wait behind a bush for the

boys.
One of the pair, from a council estate four miles away. claimed he was grabbed and hit in the neck three times and bundled into the Range Rover. The other said Verney punched him on the jaw.

Verney, who rejected an offer of a caution or a bind over, denied being in a temper but admitted that possibly he "did not behave very well".

The businessman, whose wife is a JP, denied common assault and criminally dam-aging a shirt belonging to one of the boys. He was convicted of assaulting Wayne O'Shea, 14, but cleared of the allegation against Craig Walsh, 13. He was ordered to pay costs of £200 and £40 compensation for the shirt.

After the case, Verney said: "I am bitterly disappointed by the outcome. My solicitor has asked me to think it over for 24 hours but my immediate reaction is to pursue it to the highest possible level regard-

"These two pieces of gla have already cost me £1,600." He said he had taken a close interest in similar cases. "I can only conclude that the view taken by the magistrates in my case is not in the public

Doctor jailed for manslaughter can resume practice

A DOCTOR jailed after stabbing her husband's mistress to death was yesterday given career when she leaves prison. subject to undergoing retraining. Julia Wright, 48, a mother of four, stabbed Fiona Wood 17 times in the face and chest slashing her face another 18

Wright flew into an uncon-trollable rage after discover-ing that Mrs Wood, who was married with two children. was having an affair with her husband Jeremy, also a doctor. She was a woman who had loved "not wisely but too well", the General Medical Council's professional conduct committee was told.

Wright was sentenced in December 1994 to four years' imprisonment after she pleaded guilty at the Old Bailey to manslaughter on the grounds of diminished responsibility. She bowed her head as Paul Honigmann, for the GMC, said: This is a tale of a woman who loved her husband and her children. When she thought she was going to lose both, she was driven



drove to the Nuffield hospital where her husband was working and confessed. Wright later told police: "I hit her, then I hit her, then I hit her, that evil and wicked woman.

Wright, said: "She feels considerable remorse and is very sad that her actions have led to disrepute for her profession. You may take the view we cannot have convicted killers on the register. But she recognises in due course she will have to provide for herself

"You must consider she has been assessed by psychiatrists and found to be of no further danger to the public, including her husband and his girlfriend. The public is sophisticated. It understands the notion of people committing crimes when they are ill."

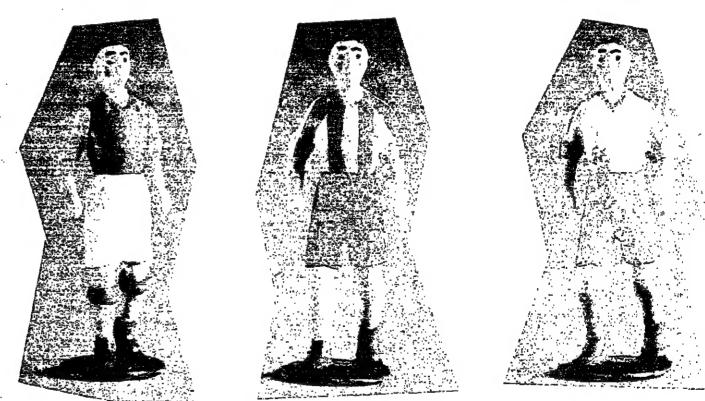
Wright, formerly from Woking, Surrey, has not practised medicine for 16 years. having given it up to raise her children, now aged 16, 14, 10 and 8. But she was anxious to be allowed to resume her career when she comes out of prison, possibly later this year. Sir Donald Irvine, chair-

man of the committee, told her: "Your registration will be suspended for a period of 12 months. Should you consider a return to medical practice you should use your time to prepare a programme of rehabilitation and retraining." Sir Donald said that she

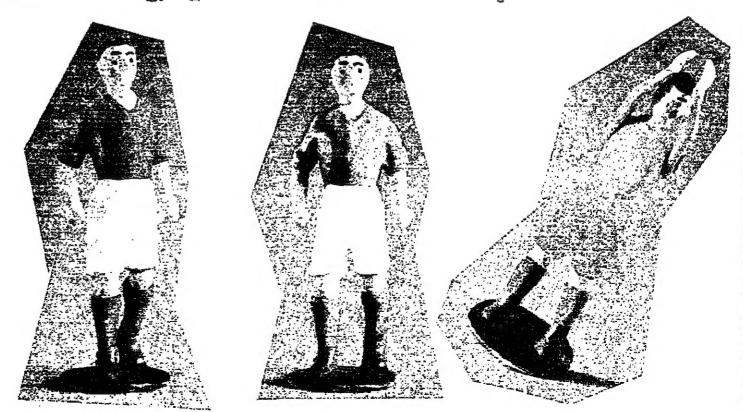
would have to return to the committee in due course to show what steps she had taken towards the implementation of its recommendations. Wright killed Mrs Wood in May 1994 after spotting her wearing what she called a

she was with her husband.

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· I'm just small fry, says hot-dog man blamed for killing tree

By ROBIN YOUNG

backing yesterday to evict a fast-food vendor from his pitch, claiming that the oily smoke from his cooking killed a tree and possibly two

The dons of Emmanuel College had complained that the fumes from Ray Peckett's hot-dog and hamburger stand were inappropriate and offensive to Emmanuel Street which runs beside the college.

When the city council suggested a compromise, Steohen Brooker, the college bursar, replied: "We remain convinced that the effluxion of oleaginous fumes has killed at least one tree and probably

A COLLEGE at Cambridge two shrubs in the garden slip University won councillors' over the wall from the stall." Yesterday the city council's

environmental health and protection committee voted to move Mr Peckett from his and claimed that the college site, but the stallholder does not intend to give up without a fight. He has proposed four sites to the council, and his supporters, including stu-dents at Emmanuel College, are signing a petition on his behalf.

Mr Peckett's stall offers drinks, burgers, hot dogs, bacon rolls and chicken satay at prices between 30p and £2.20. Chips and onions have never been on the menu

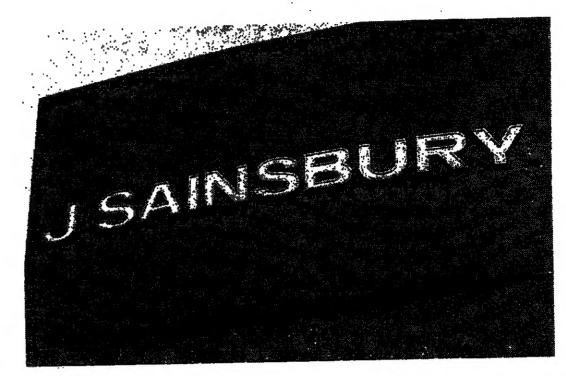
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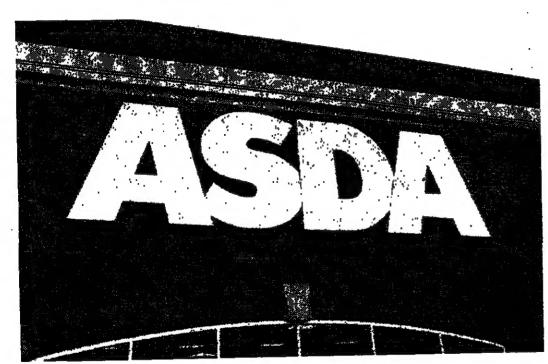
stallholder says that he spent £5,000 last year on new hotplates to reduce the amount of smoke. Mr Peckett has been paying E1,730 a year to rent his pitch.

had treated him unfairly. He said the plants were more likely to have been killed by traffic pollution or by last summer's drought than by any fumes from his stall. "It's a case of Big Brother trying to push the little man out," he said. "We smell their

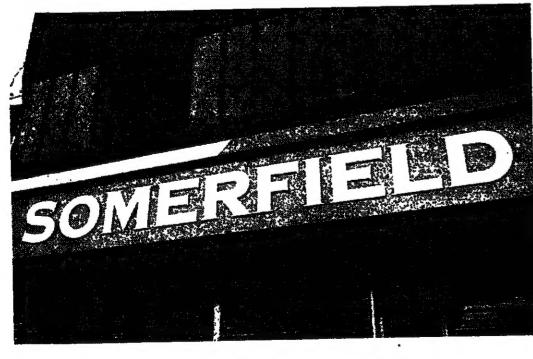
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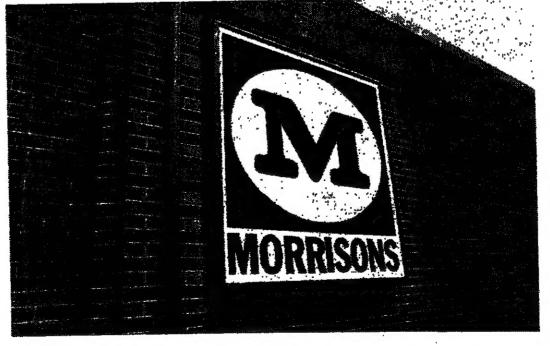


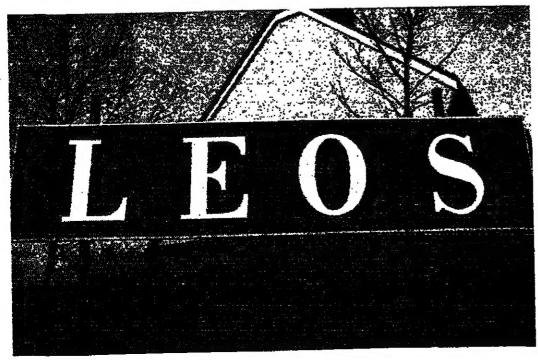












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Virgin contends rules were broken when Channel 5 television licence was awarded

Remark at party may delay new TV channel

By Alexandra Frean, media correspondent

AN OFF-THE-CUFF remark made at a children's party by the television executive Greg Dyke to a rival bidder for the Channel 5 television licence could scupper the launch of fifth terrestrial

Virgin Television, part of Richard Branson's entertainment empire, yesterday laun-ched a legal challenge in the High Court against the Independent Television Commission's decision last October to award the fifth channel licence to Channel 5 Broadcasting (CSB), a consortium led by Mr Dyke and Lord Hollick, the socialist millionaire.

Anthony Scrivener, QC, acting for Virgin Television, told Lord Justice Henry and Mr Justice Turner that Virgin whose licence application was turned down on quality grounds - became suspicious about the way the licence was being awarded when Jeremy Fox, one of its executives, bumped into Mr Dyke at a

children's party at Alexandra Palace in north London. The event was held five months after the deadline for submitting Channel 5 bids. "He [Mr Fox] was told by Mr Dyke that they had funded their application up to £200 million and had to put in



Dyke: his comment

a further £100 million." Mr

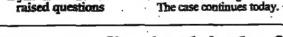
Lord Justice Henry pointed out that it was a "disputed conversation", but Mr Scriv-ener explained that he mentioned it to indicate what had

started Virgin's challenge. Virgin, whose £22,002,000 cash bid for the licence was identical to CSB's, alleges that letters from the commission to C5B asking for "clarification" of its bid prompted C5B to add £100 million to its business plan. Mr Scrivener submitted documents to show that the commission allowed CSB to sign a new shareholders' eement to this effect more than four months after the application was submitted.

Mr Scrivener said that this was "contrary to the rules", which state that the applicant "can only enhance his application after it has been submitted if there is a material change affecting the applicant (such as a change in its corporate structure) and then only if the ITC decides such change is not unfair to other

Mr Scrivener also challenged the commission's decision that Virgin's programme proposals did not pass its quality threshold. He told the court that on October 19 last year, commission members met to consider papers pre-pared by staff which recommended that Virgin pass the quality test. The members met again on October 25 when there were no fresh papers to consider and held that Virgin had failed the quality thresh-old," Mr Scrivener said. "Virgin claim this decision was

egally unreasonable." The two other unsuccessful bidding consortia, New Cenwere both refused permission to bring their own applicaagainst the commission, but submissions at Virgin's case.





Branson set for 'my best adventure'

By OLIVER AUGUST

RICHARD BRANSON artived in Marrakesh yesterday and declared his attempt to fly round the world by balloon would be "the most fantastic adventure I have ever embarked on".

The Virgin chairman joked about the training he and his two fellow balloonists still have to complete: "There is no other exhibition on earth that's ever taken off with people who have had to train for desert landings, arctic landings, jun-gle landings and sea land-

Before leaving Britain he sent a good luck card to Henk Brink, his Dutch challenger. Mr Branson said: "I sent him a telegram wishing him all the best and telling him whoever wins has to pay for the drinks and the party to celebrate."

The heated and pressurised

Virgin Global Challenger capsule is being assembled and tested in a Marrakesh military base before being taken to the launch site in the Atlas mountains by the Moroccan Army later this week.



Britain's film star

Robert Crampton meets Andrew Macdonald, movie hit man, in the Magazine

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ONE OF BRITAIN'S NUCLEAR REACTORS HAS JUST VANISHED.

Survey finds third of Surrey women abused

By RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

MIDDLE-CLASS women are as likely to be victims of domestic violence as those from the working class, according to a survey published

yesterday.
A third of 434 women questioned in Surrey, the county with the highest divorce rate, had been attacked in their homes. Almost a quarter had been beaten up, 9 per cent had had their lives threatened and 5 per cent had been attacked with a weapon.

Nicola Dominy, research essistant at the Rochampton Institute which conducted the

study with Surrey County Council, said: "Surrey is a largely middle-class area and this study proves that domestie violence affects all classes

and ethnic groups."

The study found that in addition to the physical injuries, domestic violence caused 16 per cent of women to live in constant fear, 6 per cent were suicidal and 7 per cent suffered depression.

Almost two thirds of the

victims had not sought help because they were afraid, ashamed or considered it a

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Organisers challenge politicians over threats of wider curbs on satellite coverage

Call for £5 sports levy on BBC licence fee

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY AND JOHN GOODBODY

A FORMER Tory sports minister called vesterday for a £5 sports levy" to be added to the TV licence fee to counter the growing competition from satellite broadcasters in covering

Speaking at a London conference on the future of televised sport, Robert Atkins suggested that the levy, which would raise an additional El00 million a year, could create a new sports channel. jointly owned by the BBC and ITV, expanding their sports

The plan received a mixed response at the conference attended by more than 150 broadcasters, sports administrators and MPs. The event. organised by the national governing bodies of football, basketball, cricket, rugby union and by British Sky Broadcasting, was character-ised by a series of clashes and debate was often heated.

Labour and Conservative MPs used the platform to accuse senior sports administrators of being swayed by financial greed in selling television rights to the satellite network BSkyB. partly owned by News International, owner of The Times. They demanded that eight listed sports events should be protected for coverage only by the BBC and ITV.

Leading figures in sport countered that it was insulting to suggest that the sports



BSkyB filming the England rugby team in training yesterday: Mr Atkins said that a levy could create a sports channel to be operated jointly by BBC and ITV

bodies should not be allowed to decide whether events should be covered by terrestrial or satellite stations. Sports bodies are united in opposing any extension to the eight listed events which currently cannot be be shown on a payper-view basis, although they can be on a subscription

channel such as BSkyB. The listed events, which

were reduced to eight by the

Government in 1991, are the Olympics, the Derby, the Grand National, Wimbledon finals. Test matches in England, the football World Cup finals, the FA Cup and Scottish Cup linals. Some MPs want to extend the list to include events such as the Five Nations rugby union champ-

ionship and the Ryder Cup

and the Open Championship

in golf. Nick Hawkins, chair-

man of the Tory backbench sports committee, said: "We have to make sure we represent all electors."

Trevor Phillips, commercial director of the Football Association, which has recently sold the rights for the FA Cup for £1.25 million to a combination of ITV and Sky, said that during the 1980s the two terrestrial channels "operated as a cartel." Terry Blake, the

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marketing manager of the Test and County Cricket Board, said: "Since 1994, we have doubled our exposure to 600 hours of cricket on television and trebled our income.

That money had been used to help to develop the grass roots of the game, he said. David Elstein, the head of programming for BSkyB. said: "The list of restricted

Last night the Department of National Heritage said Mr Atkins's levy plan would pose

events is an anachronism. The

amount of sport on British

television since Sky Sports

SULTS John Major said this month that curbs on satellite screening were being considered.

was launched in April 1991 has quadrupled. Sky is now showing more than 9,000 hours Will Wyatt, the managing every year - but only about director of BBC Television. I per cent of that has been who was not among the delegates at the conference, transferred from terrestrial said yesterday: "Events of national significance should be available to everyone. They are part of our heritage."

Four convicted of Scream theft

By Dalya Alberge, arts correspondent

FOUR Norwegians were convicted yesterday of the theft of The Scream by Edvard Munch, stolen from the Oslo National Museum in 1994 and recovered with the help of Scotland Yard's art and antiques squad.

At the end of a three-month trial, the suspected master-mind Pal Enger, 28, a footballer, was sentenced by the Oslo City Court to six years and three months in prison. The attempting to sell stolen prop-erty. William Asheim, 20, and Bjorn Grytdal, 28, were sentenced to four years and nine months in prison, and Jan Olsen, 50, was given two years and eight months for charges that included attempting to

sell stolen property. In the theft of The Scream, valued at £40 million, two thieves climbed a ladder, broke a window and made off with the painting in 50 sec-onds. They left a postcard saying: "Thanks for the poor security." In an undercover operation, two British officers posed as a representative of an art foundation wanting to buy the painting and a minder protecting both the buyer and

They called themselves "Chuck" and "Sid" and agreed

to buy the painting for about \$500,000 (£325,000).

A meeting was set up in the car park of a motorway rest area. "Sid" and two of the thieves remained in a hotel room with the money, awaitng a phone call from "Chuck" telling him to hand over the money once he had seen the painting. "Chuck" did just that, but he also called Detective Chief Inspector John Butler, head of the arts and Norwegian police made the necessary arrests.

Next Tuesday, BBCI will screen an Omnibus programme on the case in which Enger protests his innocence.



The Scream by Edvard Munch, valued at £40m

inquiries to be made six weeks after a tenant's first arrears, Dr Paul Knapman. the Westminster Coroner, recorded an open verdict. Student's body is

found at Oxford The parents of a student found dead at Magdalen College, Oxford, were last night travelling from their home in Berlin, Lars Day, 20, reading politics, philosophy and economics, was president of the junior common room. He was found with a plastic bag over

ENEWS IN BRIEF

Dead man

lay in

flat for

nine months

The body of a 73-year-old man

lay undiscovered in his flat for

nine months while council

officers continued to send out

rent arrears and eviction notices, an inquest was told

yesterday. Bailiffs found the

remains of Arthur Bland in

Maida Vale, west London, in

Westminster City Council

has subsequently ordered full

September 1994.

Body identified

The body of a woman found in woodland near Fareham. Hampshire, was that of Janet Cooper, 58, who went missing on November 26. Police said there appeared to be no suspicious circumstances.

Bus death

Beryl Hunt, 53, died from head injuries after falling in the aisle of a bus that braked suddenly to avoid a dog. an inquest at Huddersfield, West Yorkshire, was told. Verdict accidental death.

Father missing

A Railtrack executive who disappeared after leaving home to visit London by train more than a week ago is still missing. Peter Monaghan 48, of Solihull, West Midlands, is married with four children.

Cannabis arrests Three people were arrested when about 450 cannabis plants worth an estimated £100,000 were seized in a raid on a "drugs factory" in Highbridge, Somerset.

Waste of time

A lifeboat sent to the aid of what was reported to be a dinghy on fire a mile off Walton on the Naze, Essex. found a bright orange wheelie

Piped music

Sir Colin Davis, principal conductor of the London Symphony Orchestra. has been elected the 32nd Pipesmoker of the Year by Pipesmokers' Council.

COBRECTION

Finchley Children's Music Group (photograph, January is trained by a group of professional musicians, not by volunteers.

Parish sees red over Orange

A VICAR has upset parishio-ners and Christian groups by approving the use of his church as an aerial for a mobile telephone company. They say they are appalled by the prospect of mobile phone users, who include drug dealers and criminals, sending their calls via a House of God. The Rev David Wills said that if the plan for Mossley Hill parish church in Liverpool to be used by Orange was

anything other than morally

In November, Mr Wills refused to allow a British Legion Remembrance Day parade to finish at the church. He would not allow "outside groups to determine what

happens in the House of God". Maureen Brindle, 52, a member of the local British Legion, said of the aerial: "It goes against everything he has said in the past about outside groups using the church. This is so hypocritical. Folk will be praying to God in the church

and said "normal phones were used for drug deals". and above their heads the aerial on the tower will be doing the work of the Devil." Geoff Barlow, of the National Council for Christian Standards in Society, said: "1 am surprised and appalled by the idea and one would hope it

never becomes a reality."

Mr Wills, who urgently needs £200,000 for building work, will receive "a few thousand pounds" a year for an aerial and relay dish on the church tower if the plan is approved by the Liverpool Diocesan Council.

responsible, he would not contemplate being part of it.

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Airline tickets and £4,000 phone bills helped to push the Duchess of York into debt

Taste for overseas trips dissipates royal bank balance

THE Duchess of York's penchant for exotic foreign trips has earned her a reputation for profligacy and proved a big drain on her finances. Only the best hotel rooms in the smartest resorts will do for the Duchess, who is known to rely on the generosity of friends and contacts to finance

some of her trips. Her most recent foreign holiday was to Australia, where she visited her sister Jane Leudecke in Sydney and then flew on to Melbourne to watch Thomas Muster, an acclaimed tennis player, at a

The Duchess decided to divert to Melbourne on the spur of the moment two weeks ago when she met Mr. Muster at a party during a charity trip to Qatar. She flew from the Gulf to Australia at her own expense, was given a courtesy upgrade to first class, and stayed in a five star hotel. She returned home last week.

Although other members of the Royal Family enjoy freoffices, sketching holidays in Scotland attract little press

The Duchess's timing can be uniortunate: When her

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up were published in Hello! last summer, the Duchess was on holiday in Bermuda with her daughters. It later emerged that the holiday was funded by Robert Stigwood, a musical impresario, who is a

The Duchess's epic break in Thailand and Indonesia after her separation from the Duke of York in 1992 is estimated to have run to six figures. She then flew on to Australia.

Between the summers of 1993 and 1994, the Duchess enjoyed six holidays, including a stint trekking on the lower slopes of Everest. That trip was partly paid for by a charity and is estimated to have cost £10,000.

The Duchess took five trips over the following 12 months including a visit to Kenya. She usually takes two skiing holi-days each year, to Verbier and Klosters. But so far this year she has been absent from the slopes, reportedly to cut down spending. In June last year, the Duch-

ess visited Los Angeles and stayed at one of the city's most expensive hotels, the Bel Air, where rooms start at £200 with suites costing £1,800 a

The Duchess's shopping



Kingsbourne, the Duchess's latest home

prowess is legendary: on a recent trip to New York she is said to have spent £3,000 on 20 pairs of shoes during a half-hour shopping spree. She flew to America on Concorde, which costs £5,000 for a return

While she has claimed to be cutting back on unnecessary expenses, the Duchess spent £10,000 on clothes in one month last year. She chose outlits from Isabell Kristensen, a Danish designer, handbags by Anya Hind-march and shoes from Jimmy Choo, Hindmarch bags cost between £250 and £400 and Choo's shoes about £200.

The Duchess's generosity is another cause of financial problems. When she moved into Kingsbourne, an eightbedroomed Victorian house in Wentworth, Surrey, last year, she threw a champagne party for 150 people. The celebra-tions, which cost some £3,000, were designed to thank the decorators, removal men, who had helped her to move from Romenda Lodge.

The house was completely redecorated before the Duchess moved in and the rent is an estimated £6,000 a month. The Duchess employs a

butler, driver, cook, nanny, housekeeper, dresser and a staff of three assistants in her private office. The wages bill is said to be about £32,000 a

Her hair is cut by Nicky Clarke, who charges £180 a session. The Duchess is, however, visiting him less fre-quently as an economy

Membership of the Wentworth Club, her gym, and paying for personal sessions with her fitness trainer, are estimated to cost about £3,000

One of her most extravagant expenses is the telephone - a characteristic she shares with her sister-in-law, the Princess said to be £4,000.





Work and play: the Duchess promoting Budgie in New York, and in Klosters, a trip that she has forgone this year, reportedly to cut costs

Still waiting for riches from book deals

AND JON ASHWORTH

THE financial affairs of the Duchess of York have fascinated the public and the press since her close relationship with her adviser was disclosed four years ago. It was John Bryan, the American helped the Duchess to negotiate deals in the early 1990s

Mr Bryan no longer figures in the Duchess's personal affairs. The Duchess, who gave up her publishing job when she married the Duke of York in 1986, hoped that she would make millions from her books about Budgie the separation in 1992. But the



Bryan: helped with contract negotiations

materialised, partly because of an unfavourable business contract according to a recent interview with the Duchess in Hello! That magazine is another lucrative source of income for the Duchess, who

photographic features.

It has been forecast that Sleepy Kids. the company which owns the worldwide TV and merchandising rights for Budgie, would earn about £800,000 from television and merchandising in the United States this year. The Duchess is unlikely to receive a share of more than 20 per cent. which would bring her an income this year of £160,000.

The longer-term future may be brighter. Sleepy Kids said it was "not outrageous" to talk of earnings of £300 million from sales in the United States over five years after a contract was signed last July to screen the Budgie adventures on American television.

The Duchess promoted Budgie products at Bloomingdale's department store in New York during the lucra-Christmas shopping

On her separation from the Duke, the Duchess received an estimated £2 million settlement but most of the sum is in trust for their daughters, Princess Beatrice and Princess

Eugenie.
The Duke, whose civil list payment of £249,000 is refunded to the Treasury by the Queen, earns £30,544 as a Lieutenant-Commander in the Royal Navy. Eighty per cent of his civil list income goes on staff costs, but he is said to contribute handsomely towards the costs of his children.

An estimated £10,000 a year is spent on the daughters' education and £15,000 a year is contributed towards the

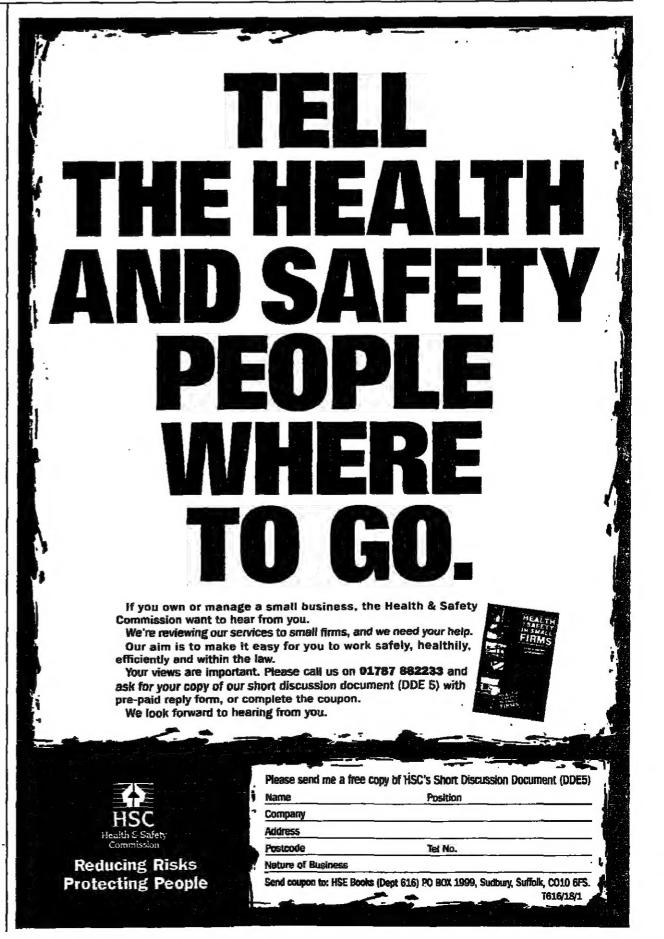
rented home in Wentworth.

The Duchess hopes to make more money from two books on Queen Victoria, Travels with Queen Victoria (1991) and Victoria and Albert Life at Osborne House (1993). A film on the life of the young Queen Victoria is planned by 20th Century Fox.

Other financial plans include a deal with Bantam Doubleday Dell in New York to write two children's books about a girl called Amanda who travels around the world. The Duchess is negotiating with Tri-Star pictures for an option on her story Heather Blaze, the adventures of two mares with parallel but very different lives.

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Court throws out woman's cash plea in vasectomy case

A WOMAN should not take for granted a lover's assurance that he cannot make her pregnant after a vasectomy. the Court of Appeal said yesterday.

It threw out a damages claim against the British Preg-nancy Advisory Service by Alison Goodwill, 48, a teacher from Oxford who became pregnant by her married lov-er. Mr Justice Thorpe and Lord Justice Peter Gibson allowed an appeal by the clinic against Oxford County Court's refusal last March to dismiss Mrs Goodwill's claim as being "frivolous or as being vexatious".

Lord Justice Gibson said he was left in no doubt that Judge Paul Clark had been wrong at the County Court not to strike out the action. He said that Mrs Goodwill, who was married with one son, but who later divorced, met Ross MacKinlay, a married man, in March 1988 and began having sex with him a month later. She had had her contraceptive coil removed after being told by Mr MacKinlay that he had undergone a

vasectomy But in April 1989 she discovered she was pregnant and gave birth to a baby daughter launched her claim against the clinic on the basis that it had failed to give adequate warning of the possibility of Mr Mackinlay's vasectomy reversing itself naturally. She claimed she suffered loss and damage because of the cost of the birth, her daughter's up-

bringing and loss of income.

Mr Justice Thorpe said: "A
woman exploring the development of a sexual relationship with a new partner takes much on trust before experience corroborates or exposes his assurances. Her responsibility is to protect herself

Thorpe: urged women to take impartial advice

could know nothing about the likely course of action of future sexual partners of Mr MacKinlay, the judge said. "At that time it had no knowledge of her, she was not an existing sexual partner of Mr MacKinlay but was merely, like any other woman in the world, a potential future sexual partner of his.

It is beyond belief that in ceasing to use any contraceptive method this mature educated woman was induced by and relied on Mr MacKinlay's bare assertion to her that he could not have any more children.". She had been warned by her own GP of the possible risk of Mr Mackinlay's vasectomy reversing it-self and her becoming pregnant, he said. She took

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Lord Justice Gibson said

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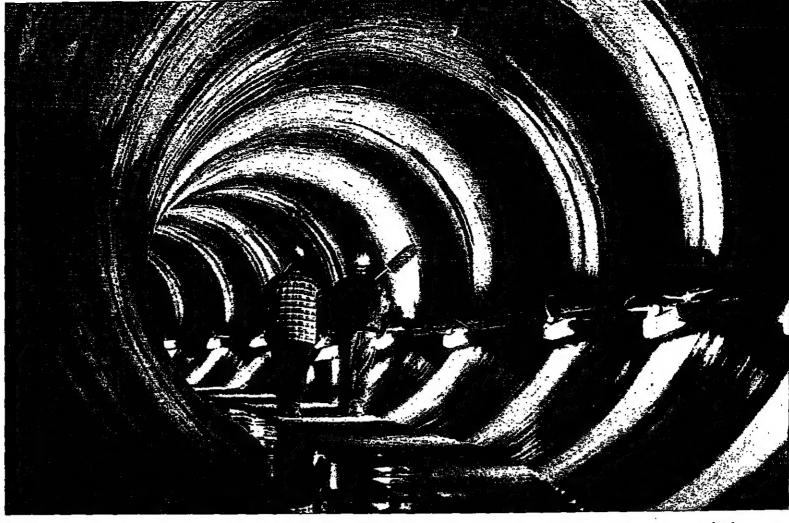
could have owed any duty of

care to Mrs Goodwill or that it could have known that its advice to Mr MacKinlay

would be communicated to

her and relied on as a warranty of permanent infertility. "It

Body and Mind. page 16



Workmen checking a multimillionpound sewage pipe before opening it to the public — literally — at the weekend. The pipe, which has been installed 20 metres below the seabed off Whitley Bay, Tyne and Wear, goes into use next month. Before then, Northumbrian Water is offering 1,500 local people the chance of a guided walk along its 3.4 kilometres after the official opening by Carol Vorderman from Channel 4's Count-

Water firm offers undersea guided tour as a pipe-opener

down programme. The sewer, which to the Scottish borders. David will collect contaminated storm water from the North Typeside area and pump it out to sea, is part of a £150 million programme designed to improve bathing waters from Cleveland

Charlton, the project manager, said: "We decided to offer people who live here a chance to go for a walk through the pipe so they can take in at first hand how complex this work has

job" in alerting women to new

informatiom about the dan-

gers of contraceptive pills,

according to the Chairman of

the Committee on the Safety of

Medicines. It was the scientific

press, he says, who got it

The committee caused con-troversy in October when it issued new advice indicating

that some newer brands of the

Pill had higher risks of stroke inan okder ones. The comunit

tee was criticised by some for issuing the advice before the

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In a letter in Nature, Profes-

sor Michael Rawlins says that

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publish misleading scare sto-ries. He says: The conse-quence would have been

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Professor Rawlins writes.

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Chancellor attacks expansion

Drop in university applicants reverses decade of growth

places has fallen for the first time since the Government launched its massive expansion of higher education ten

The number of applications is down by almost 5,000 this year in spite of an increase in the number of 18-year-olds. The fall, and the rising number of the second of the s ber of drop-outs reported this week by vice-chancellors, is expected to make it easier for candidates to gain a university place this autumn.

The Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (Ucas) said 349,941 people had applied for places by January 12, 1.5 per cent down on last

The figures emerged as the chancellor of a leading technological university condemned the higher-education expansion strategy. Sir John Mason, of the University of Manchester Institute of Science and Pechnology, said, "The and Technology, said: "The decision to greatly expand higher education before attending to the schools was like adding an extra storey to a house with crumbling foundations. It makes no sense.

"Since the war, schools have been used as a political foot-ball rather than in their proper role of implanting the discipline, knowledge and skills required by our

Teenagers were leaving school "illiterate, innumerate, inarticulate and incapable of earning a living" because of

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Sir John said in his last public address before retiring as chancellor.

He was against lowering university entrance standards. however. He said that in demanding subjects such as mathematics, physics and chemistry the number of wellqualified applicants so far that large and famous departments that formerly demanded three As at advanced level are now glad to accept 2 Bs and a C and offer remedial

"If our standards are allowed to fall, the rapidly developing countries will cease to send their students here for training. This could only for the reputation and finances of our universities

teaching in mathematics.



Popular universities will

as a whole."

Jess Enderby, of Ucas, said: "I do not think there will be any problem for appropriately qualified applicants to get into university this year. However, the popular universities and courses will always be more

difficult to get into."

Mr Enderby added: "There are still a lot of students being influenced by the financial hardship factor and possibly that, combined with the improving job situation, is keep-

ng more people away." Figures suggest demand for higher education may have reached a plateau. There were 402,978 applicants in 1994, the year of merged polytechnic and university application bodies, and 408,991 last year. Applications to the Universi-ties' Central Council on Admissions rose steadily from 1987 to 1993 after a fall of nearly 3,000 in 1986.

Ucas has yet to analyse this year's figures but there are signs that some of the biggest rises in applications have been at colleges of higher education rather than at new universi-

A total of 290,596 students gained a place at university last year, bringing the total full-time student population to more than a million, 50 per cent higher than in 1989. Further growth is officially on hold while Gillian Shephard, the Education Secretary, conducts a review of the future of



Hannah Goring of Bonhams holds the Hercules, with Venus, left, and a Eurydice, right. Below, a rare picture of Miss Adams in younger days

Charity sale for recluse's £3m hoard

BY DALYA ALBERGE

ART treasures worth an estimated E3 million are to be auctioned for charity on behalf of a mysterious recluse. The auctioneer Bonhams says that hardly anything is known about Sylvia Phillis Adams, aged 88, who spent her life building up the collection.

It is known that she worked for London art dealers during the late 1920s and 1930s, and eventually set up her own

became a recluse about 20 years ago and is now confined to a nursing home by Alzheimer's disease. Following her wishes that the collection was to be left to charity, her doctor has joined her accountant and lawyer in founding a trust that will benefit various causes, including the poor and children.

The 800 works of art include 300 Renaissance plaquettes, and a number of rare Renaissance bronzes. There is a Antico, the court sculptor to the Gonza-gas of Mantua, and a 1690s Venus and Cupid by Hubert Gerhard, court sculptor of Munich. The Antico sculpture alone is expected for fetch more than £1 million, but such is his rarity on the market that a value is virtually impossible to set.

Little is known about the owner's family background. Bonhams believes that Miss Adams came from a "well-to-do family", as her father appears to have worked only as a lay preacher.



Audit Office gives warning of nursery voucher fraud

By Our Education Correspondent

SECURITY measures are fears of a black market in nursery school vouchers. An Audit Commission report due out next month will caution against the dangers of fraud in the four pilot areas where the scheme is being run from

Easter, before going national Vouchers worth £1,100 are due to be delivered next month and, from April, parents of four-year-olds in the London boroughs of Wandsworth. Westminster and Kensington and Chelsea, and in Norfolk, will be entitled to exchange them for education at approved nurseries. The Audit

vouchers, to be reported to-night on BBC2 in First Sight in the South East.

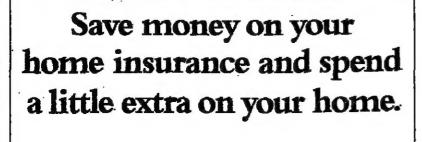
The Department for Educa tion and Employment said anned. Applications would e checked against child benefit records, to ensure they only went to parents with children of the right age. Parents would be required to provide proof of identity if their address differed from that on records.

Each voucher would bear the child's name and a serial number. Capita Management Services, which was running

Commission yesterday con- the scheme, would check when firmed its caution about a each voucher was redeemed potential black market in that the name and serial number matched its records. Vouchers would contain security features. like bank notes, to guard against counter-

> Ministers have already acknowledged that the scheme may run into difficulties because of a lack of nurseries. Robin Squire. an Education Minister, has admitted that some parents may find there are not enough nursery places private, voluntary or local authority - to meet their new entitlement. The Government is confident any shortage will be overcome by fresh supply.







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Yorkshire Tories divided over ex-Chancellor

Lamont looks north in his quest for a political lifeline

By James Landale, political reporter

NORMAN LAMONT'S polittomorrow night when he tries to persuade the Tory faithful in Harrogate and Knares-borough to select him as their general election candidate. Party activists in the North

Yorkshire seat appear divided over whether or not the former Chancellor will provide them with the best chance of heading off a strong challenge from the Liberal Democrats.

Mr Lamont has reached the final shortlist of three after at least 12 attempts at winning a seat since his Kingston-upon-Thames constituency was abolished by boundary changes. Harrogate, one of Britain's first spa towns, used to attract the sick to take its healing waters. Now Mr Lamont sees it as his best chance of reviving his political

Shortly after 8pm tomorrow, he will rise to his feet in the basement conference centre at the town's Majestic Hotel and place his future in the hands of the 300 party members expected to turn up. His supporters say he is just the man to put Harrogate on the map, in stark contrast to Robert Banks, the retiring MP, who has been criticised for ignoring the constituency over the past 21 years.

"Anybody is better than Banks." said Alex Hobson, 65, manager of The Ginnel Antique Centre. "Norman Lamont is his own man and he is certainly not afraid of speaking his mind." Despite having backed John

Redwood in last year's party leadership contest, Mi Lamont has recently declared newfound support for the Prime Minister. His opponents, however, say that he will never be forgiven for bringing in VAT on fuel and cutting mortgage relief. More to the point, he is not a local man. Knaresborough Tories have written to the executive committee complaining that none of the shortlisted three comes from the area.

Among the other candidates, Mr Lamont will face a strong challenge from David Ruffley, 33, special adviser to the present Chancellor. Kenneth Clarke. Mr Ruffley, a former corporate lawyer on the right of the party, is at least a northerner - he was born in Bolton. But whether that will sway the Yorkshire Tories remains to be seen.

The other contender is lan members of the Tory executive committee have had to sign

businessman, who stood unsuccessfully for Tyne and Wear at the European elections in 1994. None of the candidates is odds-on

Stephen Moorehouse, a solicitor and party member, said that the candidates reflected the division of opinion in the selection committee. haven't made my mind up and I suspect that the majority of members are going to the meeting with a completely open mind."

Mr Lamont may be hampered by the allegation that Tory Central Office put pressure on local officials to secure the seat for him. Better, so the argument goes, to have Mr Lamont busy fighting for a seat than voicing criticism of the Prime Minister. But the allegation is rejected by local Tories. Mr Moorehouse said: Nothing would be further from the truth. I have not had a single person saying that I must vote for Lamont or not vote for Lamont. To suggest there has been outside pres-sure is absolute twaddle."

However, such is the sense of paranoia over Mr Lamont's position on the list that all



documents pledging not to talk to the press about the candidates. Local officials refuse even to acknowledge that the selection meeting is

taking place. Estelle Edwards, the Tory Association chairman, said: "It's the usual procedure, There must be complete confidentiality. It isn't fair on the candidates to have their names bandled about."

Harrogate, populated mainly by a well-to-do middle class "urban, old and affluent,"

Tory for as long as anyone can remember. But whoever is chosen will have to fight a strong campaign against the Liberal Democrats.

Although the Tories have a majority of 12.589, they have lost key wards in the boundary changes and their notional majority has shrunk to about 9,000. The Liberal Democrats have a known candidate in Phil Willis, the local council leader, and consider the seat

Ashdown striving to ensure his party has clout RIDDELL

Liberal Democrats. They have survived the Tony Blair phenomenon and could still have an influential role in the next Parliament. That will be the sub-text of the minicampaign he will launch this weekend with an interview on the Frost programme (now part of the formal new year ritual for party leaders), press articles and what is being billed as a big speech on

It has been a frustrating 18 months for Mr Ashdown since Mr Blair started dominating the political agenda. The Liberal Democrats have found it hard to present a clear identity. Yesterday. Mr Ashdown pointed out that the Liberal Democrats had originally highlighted the idea of a stakeholder society and complained that Labour's version was vague and begged questions on relations with the

Most discussion of the Liberal Democrats has been in terms of their relations with Mr Blair, however often Mr Ashdown may claim that the Liberal Democrats have sharper policies than Labour on education, a single currency and the environment. He has seemed on the fringe of the main party debate. The Liberal Democrats have also lost to Labour some of their brightest policy thinkers from their former SDP wing, such as Roger Liddle, David Marquand, John Dickie and Andrew Adonis, who helped to give the party authority on national issues.

The worry of the party's remaining social democrats is that, despite the official move away from equidistance between the parties, the leadership has not been positive enough about Mr Blair: indeed has too often been carping about him and too keen to adopt a self-conscious, and self-defeating, left-wing pos-ture which will damage its

electoral prospects.

The Liberal Democrats have suffered in the polls, falling from more than 20 per cent in spring 1994 to 14 per cent in the second half of last this is still higher than during most of the last Parliament, while occasional high-profile

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of Emma Nicholson last month, can give the party an immediate boost, of between 212 and 6 points according to two recent polls. The party continues to do well in parliamentary by elections and in local elections, though with some tailing-off in council byelections recently.

The party's electoral strategy is to concentrate on acvancing regionally more than nationally, particularly in the South West and in target seats dotted round the country. This cannot be achieved en tirely by local campaigns and tactical voting. The party's near miss in several seats in the June 1994 European elections showed that the party requries a national prominence and credibility if it is to avoid being squeezed by the overall Labour advance.

Mr Ashdown occasionally appears impatient but always bounces back with a new plan. While specifically avoiding any suggestion of pre-election deals or pacts (not on the agenda), he will on Monday revive the question of post-election co-operation by outlining what an incoming government should do. He will list the key issues which have to be tackled (education, the economy, welfare reform. the environment and Europe) and will emphasise a timescale going beyond a single Parliament. He will also discuss not just the contents of a constitutional reform programme, but also how it should be achieved.

part from raising the party's profile, Mr Asbdown's aim is to signal the terms of possible relations between the Liberal Democrats and Labour. implying backing for a common agenda rather than any for-mal coalition. Mr Blair has always been careful to leave open the door to such cooperation, as part of a more pluralist style of politics, whether or not Labour gains a working overall majority in the next Parliament, But Labour retains the upper any dialogue with the Liberal

Peter Riddell

Rebel MP returns to the fold . . . for the time being

By ALICE THOMSON POLITICAL REPORTER

JOHN MAJOR's parlous Commons majority was given a fillip yesterday with the return to the fold of the whipless rebel Sir Richard Body.

But the Eurosceptic MP seemed determined to continue punishing the Prime Minister for having once said: "When I hear the name Richard Body. I hear the sound of white coats flapping." Only minutes after his return was announced he insisted that it was "temporary"

The last whipless rebel has kept the Government on tenterhooks for 14 months since he resigned the whip voluntarily in protest at the Govern-

ment's policies on Europe. With the and Skegness. At one stage Conservadefection of Emma Nicholson last month and likely Tory losses at forthcoming by-elections in Hemsworth and Staffordshire South East, the whips were desperate to get him back.

Sir Richard, MP for Holland with Boston, said he was proud to have been called "barmy" by the Prime Minister. The sticking point had been the Government's position on fishing rights. He made it clear that he would not re-apply for the whip until minis-Fisheries Policy

He horrified loval Tories by threatening to stand as an independent Tory for the newly formed seat of Boston

tive Central Office tried to pressure his constituency into bringing their MP back into line.

Yesterday lunchtime Sir Richard spent an hour and a half with Sir Alastair Goodlad, the Chief Whip. He then slipped out of a back door and was bundled into a car. Mr Goodlad said: "I am pleased that Sir Richard is once more in receipt of the Conserva-But later Sir Richard told reporters

that he had not taken the whip but would support the Government where he could. After an hour of frantic telephone calls with the Government majority yo-yoing from three to five. Sir Richard finally agreed that he had accepted the whip "temporarily".
Paddy Ashdown, the Liberal Democrat leader, said: "I am sure that Heaven rejoices at the return of one prodigal sinner and that applies in Downing Street too."

It later became clear that Sir Richard had used the full weight of his 40 years as a backbencher to lecture the Chief Whip on what was going wrong with the party. He said last night: "Alastair was a good listener. Except on Europe I support the Government. I don't think it's doing a bad job."

He said that he could not take the whip permanently until he was satisfied that British trawlermen would not have to relinquish their exclusive rights to fish in in-shore waters.



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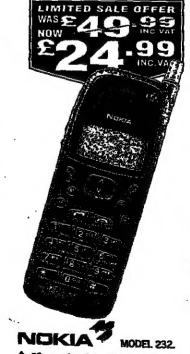
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EU sacks British official for single currency attack

BERNARD CONNOLLY, the British European Union official, who wrote a book attacking monetary union last year. was sacked yesterday by the Commission in Brussels for publishing without permission and damaging the inter-

ests of the EU. The Commission notified Mr Connolly of the unprecedented decision by the fivemember disciplinary council which heard the charges against him at a closed hearing last month. Mr Connolly's lawyers voiced surprise last night that the only witness called against him - the head of his department - had acknowledged that he had not

The 46-year-old Briton, a career European civil servant who has worked in Brussels since 1978 and headed the unit that monitors the exchangerate mechanism, was suspended from duty last Septem-ber after publishing The Rotten Heart of Europe — The Dirty War for Europe's Money. Mr Connolly said last night he was disappointed by the way that the disciplinary

council, headed by David Williamson, the Commission's British Secretary-General, failed to "take into account the detailed refutation of the Commission's allegations which we provided."

His lawyers said they had been surprised by the rushed manner of the disciplinary proceedings and the calling of a prosecution witness against Mr Connolly without warning. Giovanni Ravasio, the director-general of Mr



Connolly: accused of "flouting loyalty"

Connolly's department, gave evidence on the impact of the book but admitted he had not read it, said Jacques Sanbon, his lawyer. Commission officials were not available for

In its ruling, signed by Franz de Koster, the directorgeneral of personnel, the Commission said that Mr Connolly had breached two articles in the EU staff conditions. These covered the publication of books without permission and actions which damage the interests of the Community.

The council said Mr Connolly did not seek permission for his book when he took unpaid leave last summer because he knew that he would be refused, having previously failed to receive

Mr Connolly "could not have been unaware of the fact" that the contents of the book conflicted with policies adopted by the Commission in its role as executor of the Maastricht treaty and the project for economic and monetary union [EMU], it said. His action had flouted the loyalty and hones-

show towards the Commission and his superiors, it said. His conduct had "seriously damaged the interests of the

Mr Connolly has argued that by airing his view that EMU was a threat to Europe he had been acting in the Union's interests. He also insisted that nothing in the book was confidential.

month, which his lawyers said appeared to be aimed at gagging Mr Connolly over the next fortnight. He had been due on Monday to give evi-dence to the House of Lords European Committee and to appear before the Commons Treasury Select Committee later this month.

While there is no direct course of appeal, European Union civil servants can chalienge the legality of a dismissal at the European Court of Justice in Luxembourg. Mr Connolly has a case pending there, alleging that the Com-mission acted illegally against him. An appeal would not be



Silvio Berlusconi during a break in court yesterday

Berlusconi taunts journalists as bribe trial begins

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN MILAN AND RICHARD OWEN IN ROME

SILVIO BERLUSCONI, the Italian multimillionaire media tycoon and former Prime ists and begged the court to stop the case being broadcast live on his own television channels as his trial on corruption charges opened

yesterday. The small courtroom in Milan's Palace of Justice was so cramped that reporters squeezed into a steel cage for prisoners. The Forza Italia party leader, 59, sat on a bench next to them. When he strode into the courtroom, he declared: "I don't feel like a defendant." But the strain of the trial began to tell as

proceedings began.
On trial with Signor Berlusconi are Paolo, his younger brother, and five associates of his Fininvest business empire. They are accused of paying 380 million lire (£150,000) in bribes to tax inspectors reviewing the company's books. Paolo, who was not in court, has admitted making the payments but

claims that his brother had no knowledge of them.

During a break in the proceedings, Signor Berlus-coni strode to the cage holding about 20 hapless journalists. and declared: "This is where you belong." The scribes de-manded to know why his lawyers had requested that the trial not be screened live. Signor Berlusconi said he did not want it to turn into a spectacle. But judicial sources said he clearly wanted to limit

damage to his image.

The judge compromised by allowing RAI state television to tape the proceedings for an edited broadcast. The trial was adjourned until January 26.

The Italian media are portraying the trial as a duel for power between Signor Berlus-coni and Antonio Di Pietro, the Milan magistrate who led the Clean Hands anti-corruption drive. Signor Berlusconi has accused him of being "politically motivated". Signor Di Pietro has since resigned as a magistrate and is pursuing a

Nato ease nuclear rift

BY MICHAEL EVANS DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

FRANCE outlined yesterday its decision to play a closer part in Nato military affairs. but held back from joining two key alliance policy comm-

Gerard Herrera, the French Ambassador, warned the lónation North Atlantic Council in Brussels against any hopes of France returning to "the situation that existed before 1966", when the French pulled out of Nato's integrated military command structure.

But yesterday's announcement of closer ties was clearly intended to provide the French with a voice on all key military and security issues - including, for the first time in 30

Since 1966, France has taken part only in Nato foreign ministers' meetings and has kent its armed forces outside Nato's military command. M Herrera said France was now prepared to discuss nuclear

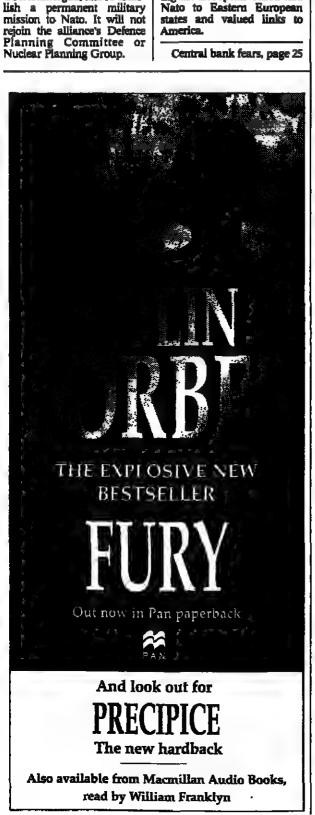
committee, the Nato situation centre, the defence college in Rome and defence school in Oberammergau, and re-estab

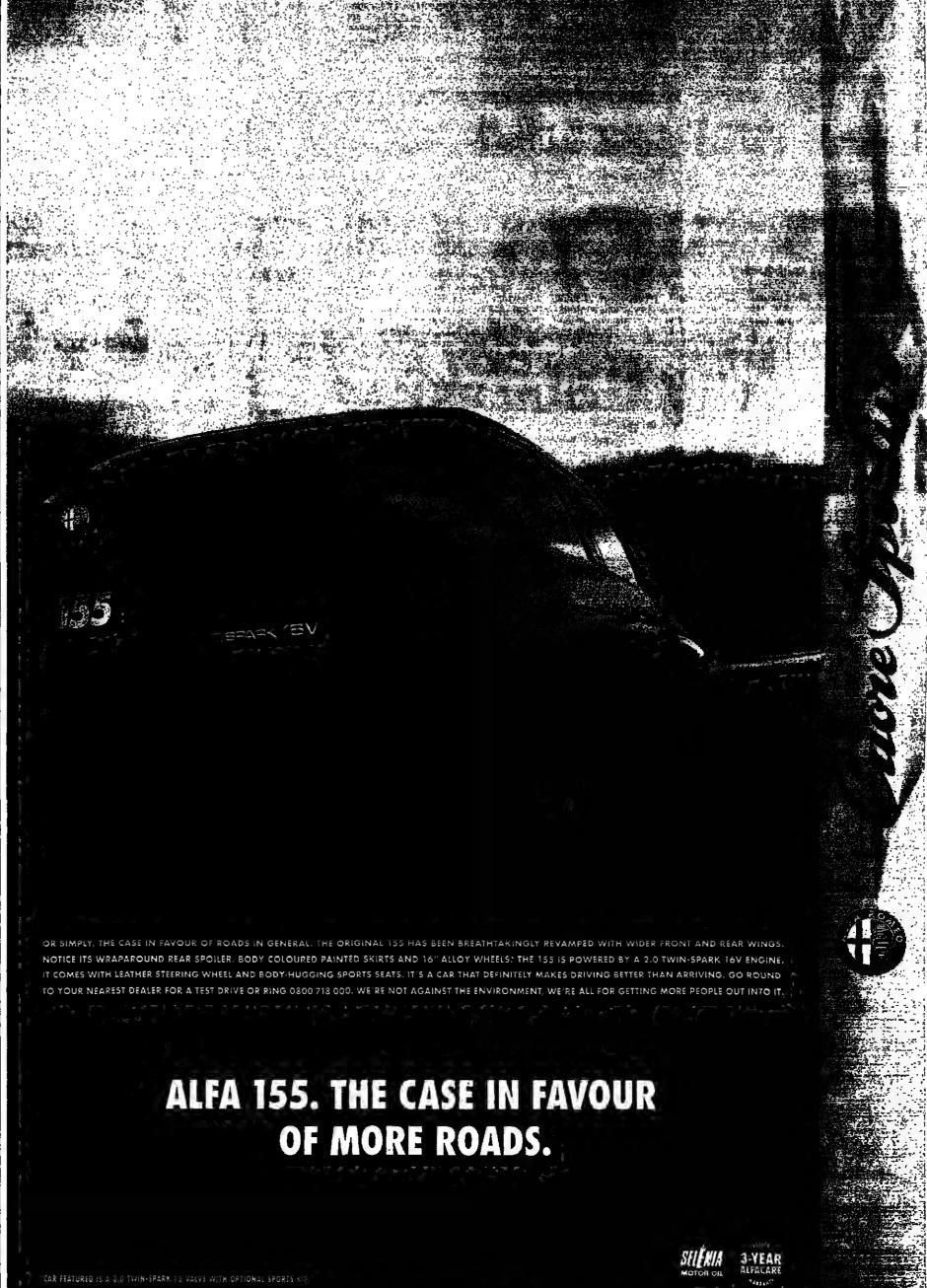
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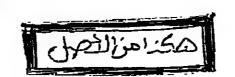
BRITAIN will not be able to resist the tempting economic advantages and "logicality" of a European single currency system and will join soon after it is set up. Klaus Kinkel, the German Foreign Minis

ter, predicted yesterday. Herr Kinkel said in Oxford that the success of monetary union would force Britain to participate. He quoted Lord Howe, who once said that in Europe Britain "usually does the right thing in the end, only 20 years too late". Herr Kinkel said that he would not go as far as that but "it is better to catch the boat than to swim after it". He insisted that monetary union would start on time in 1999.

Attending the opening of a centre for European law at Oxford University, Herr Kinkel described the Angio-German relationship as "unspectacular and down to earth, but close and intense". It was an "alliance of convic nism, wanted to restructure ing the European Union and







Security experts say only world's leading anti-terror units can safely capture a hijacked vessel at sea

Risks stacked against commando operation

By Michael Evans, defence correspondent

for a possible recovery of the hijacked ferry. Releasing hossecond choice for sending in tages held on a moving vessel commandos. Much would on the high seas is regarded by also depend on acquiring prior intelligence on the where-abouts of the hostages. even the most experienced special forces units as one of the most dangerous and

If they are scattered around the ship in groups, it If the negotiations fail to free would be very difficult for a special forces unit to guaranthe hostages and a decision is tee their safe release," the taken to use force, there are source said. The Royal Maonly two options: to use helicopters or raiding craft if the

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risky operation could be mounted from the shore. "Only the most highly specialised military units should contemplate carrying out such an operation," said

ferry is on the move; or to

persuade the armed gunmen

to dock the ship when a less

TURKISH commandos have

no easy options in preparing

rulnerable operations.

one British military source. The principal challenge would be to get alongside the ferry — in rigid raider craft without being spotted by the terrorists. The element of surprise would be crucial and the exercise would have to be carried out in the dark.

Then there would be the

difficult task of trying to board the vessel without alerting the gunmen." the source said. Helicopters approaching the ferry would be noisy and would be regarded as the RESCUE OPTIONS

into water out of Chinook heliconters when rehearsing scenarios similar to the hijacking in the Black Sea by pro-Chechen Turkish gunmen. Britain has two specialist

units capable of mounting an operation to recover a hijacked ship: the Royal Marines' Special Boat Service and the Marines' Comacchio Group which is expert in protecting North Sea oil platforms from terrorist attack. The SAS also has a special boat troop.

> source said that if the hijacked vessel were moving it would be a very complex operation. In October 1985, four Palestinian gunmen hijacked the Italian cruise liner, Achille Lauro, with 450 passengers and crew on board, as it

However, the military

steamed from the Syrian coast to Cyprus. The terrorists threatened to kill passengers unless 50 Palestinians held in Israeli prisons were freed. The terrorists were from the Palestine Liberation Front. a splinter group that stood opposed to Yassir Arafat's Palestine Liberation

Cyprus. However, the hijack ras brought to a swift conclusion when the terrorists agreed to surrender to Egyp-tian authorities at Port Said after a day of negotiations. Before surrendering, the guer-rillas killed a disabled American tourist, Leon Klinghoffer, who was shot and dumped

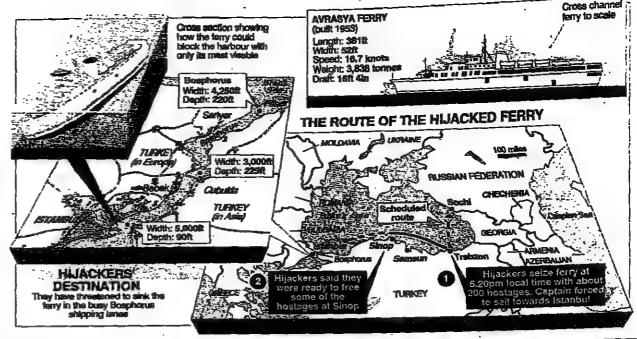
Although the Egyptians granted them free passage, the airliner in which they were being taken from Cairo to Tunis was intercepted by six American Tomcat fighter aircraft from the carrier, USS Saratoga, and was forced to land at Sicily.

overboard in his wheelchair.

The mastermind behind the hijack, Mahmoud Abbas Zaidan, better known as Abu Abbas, the leader of the Palestine Liberation Front, was sentenced to life imprisonment in his absence.

in 1972, the QE2 was held to ransom in mid-Atlantic with 1,350 passengers and 800 crew on board. Cunard, the owners, agreed to pay £140,000 after a relephone caller to its New York office said six bombs had been concealed on the ship and would be detonated if the

ransom was not paid. Four army bomb disposal

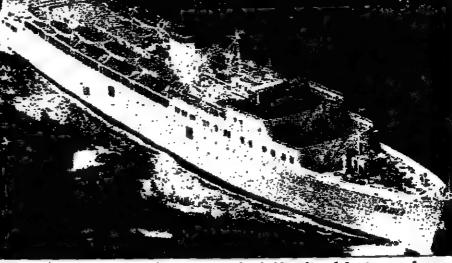


a Hercules into the Atlantic about half a mile from the decks and nearly 1,000 cabins

but found nothing. Turkish commandos were reported yesterday to be monitoring the Avrasya's progress from land and two coast guard vessels were tailing the ship. The coast guard also tried to block the vessel from leaving Trabzon harbour on Tuesday

☐ Moscow: The hijacking has temporararily put an end to the lucrative "shop-tours", cutrate packages to Turkey that have become popular among Russian traders who snap up Turkish clothing, food and furs for resale at home. (AP)

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Two hundred passengers and crew are being held on board the Avrasya ferry



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Latest challenge will test survival instinct to limit

resident Yeltsin has always prided himself on the ability to survive the punishing challenges of Krem-lin rule that would have long ago overcome a less robust leader.

But as the Russian President struggles to extricate himself from his latest crisis in the Caucasus it is difficult to see how the Houdini of Russian politics is planning to wriggle his way out of this trick. With the crisis in Chechenia now in its second week, the

Russian leader has five months in which to re-establish his authority and contain a conflict that has so far defeated the best efforts of his generals and diplomats. . President Yeltsin is a past master of political survival and his closest advisers claim

that his best qualities always shine through when his back s against the wall. In August 1991 the Russian leader, with little more than the goodwill of the

people and the courage of a small group of supporters, took on and defeated the Communist-led coup against Mikhail Gorbachev. in October 1992 he was again challenged by hard-liners on the streets of Moscow

and this time revealed his ruthless instinct for survival when he put down the uprising with troops and tanks. Even Chechenia, which President Yeltsin has described as the "biggest disappointment" of his career, has failed to topple the Russian leader as many predicted it would, when he ordered the ill-conceived assault by Russian forces on the breakaway republic more than a year ago. In spite of initial criticism from the West and liberal opponents in Russia, the war

ailed to materialise as an election issue in recent parliamentary polls. Nevertheless, like their formidable ancestors who kept the Russian Imperial Army bogged down for half a century, the Chechen rebels have proved as stubborn as their opponent in the Kremlin. Under the leadership of the mercurial Dzhokhar Dudayev, the Chechens have

withstood the full might of the Russian military and still showed no signs of giving up.

President Yeltsin has experi-

and diplomatic options in an attempt to calm the situation in the northern Caucasus. But like some incurable virus, the Chechen bug has simply re-

fused to go away.

The latest incidents being played out in the devastated settlement of Pervomaiskoye and aboard a ferry, off the Turkish coast in the Black Sea. whatever the Russian leader chooses, a few determined gunmen can humiliate his authority at home and even turn a small ethnic struggle into an international incident.

While Russians care little about what happens inside the small breakaway republic, they do worry when the conflict spreads to other regions and directly affects their sec-urity. In this context, the Chechen conflict becomes the latest example of the Kremlin's incompetence in dealing with domestic and foreign security

prisingly, the need for a return to law and order and secure borders was a cornerstone of the successful election campaign waged by the Communists in the parliamentary elections, a victory they are hoping to repeat in June's presidential race.

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Mr Yeltsia has few options available that have not al-ready been tried and found wanting. He can attempt a military solution which, given its record, would probably result in a large loss of civillian life, heavy military casualties and few gains on the ground.

e could try to restart negotiations with the Chechens although. given the recent history of failed peace talks, no one seriously believes that this is a credible solution.

His best choice is to hope that the crisis will die down over the coming weeks and that by June the whole issue will have blown over. Howeyer, that would mean taking a dangerous calculated risk. The Kremlin leader would have to take the chance that another Chechen guerrilla command-er, like Salman Raduyev, the "Lone Wolf" who masterminded the latest incident, is not planning another operation to

coincide with polls on June 16. By then, the great survivor of modern Russian politics will have run out of time.

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Gas regulator fuels calls for market delay

THE start of competition to may have to be delayed because of legitimate concerns at British Gas that technical preparations are incomplete. Clare Spottiswoode, the gas industry regulator, said vesterday.

In an interview with The Times, Mrs Spottiswoode also forecast that the Government may decide by tomorrow whether to impose a levy on consumers to fund liabilities of more than £1 billion arising from take-or-pay gas purchase contracts signed by British Gas. Her remarks confirm the difficulties that have snared preparations to enable Brit-ain's 18 million household gas users to choose their supplier.

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Last week, Harry Moulson, a British Gas main board director and head of TransCo, its pipeline subsidiary, said that the April 1 start date for competition should be delayed

Chris Rees, a Deloitte & Touche (formerly Touche Ross) consultant appointed by competition can still go ahead. on April I, will report to Mrs. Spottlswoode temorrow. An industry-wide meeting.

bringing together the Depart-ment of Trade and Industry. Ofgas, the industry regulatory body, TransCo, British Gas Supply and almost 30 shippers — rival gas suppliers, has been convened for next Tues-

day to review progress.
"There is absolutely no doubt that the April 1 [target date] is very fragile," Mrs Spottiswoode said. "It is an extremely daunting timeta-ble." She added: "I do think

TransCo has some real concerns and we should listen to them," adding: "It is better to get it right than it is to commence it [the pilot] too early and have a lot of admin-istration problems. I prefer to see a smooth introduction of

Mrs Spottiswoode said she whether to defer the pilot scheme, opening up a regional market worth £160 million a

Power plea

BUYERS of electricity for industry yesterday called for a delay to the full opening of the market to competition in 1998 (Christine Buckley writes). The Utility Buyers Forum, which already buys power at competitive prices after liberalisation of the market for users of over ImW and 100kW, urged Stephen Littlechild, the electricity regplator, to postpone the opening from the planned date of April 1998. The decision over where the funding will come has not yet been resolved.

year, will be made at the last possible moment. She also feels that the two-month delay sought by British Gas might not be necessary. "It could be April 10 instead of April 1," she

The pilot is intended to test systems in preparation for full national competition in the household gas market by Jancary 1, 1999.

Mrs Spottiswoode also said that she believes the Government should take powers to

impose a levy on gas consum-ers in licences that are about to be issued to companies wanting to compete in the house-hold gas market. "I think they should put it in," she said. "It is a very fine choice."
But she said that levy pow-

ers would be a "double-edged sword" that might make it more difficult for British Gas to renegotiate gas purchase arrangements with its

suppliers.
The head of Ofgas said that unless the DTI wrote a levy provision into the licences now, primary legislation could be needed in the future to resolve British Gas's difficulties over take-or-pay contracts stretching decades ahead and covering the purchase of gas worth £40 billion.

rate at which it is losing its market to rivals, no longer needs all the gas it has contracted to buy. Yet, under the-terms of the contracts, it must pay North Sea produc-ers, whether or not the gas is

The company is unable to sell surplus gas to its rivals because the spot price of gas has slumped to around 10p a therm, less than half of the 21p average that British Gas is

The DTI has urged gas producers to renegotiate the contracts with British Gas but not at a substantial loss. Mrs Spottiswoode believes the losses and liabilities could threaten the financial viability of British Gas, and that a levy may prove the last resort if producers fail to agree price cuts to the former monopoly.

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Time for reflection: Clare Spottlswoode making a point during yesterday's interview

Earnings boost for rate cut hopes

BY JANET BUSH CONDMICS CORRESPONDENT

KENNETH CLARKE, the Chancellor, and Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of England, met yesterday for their monthly interest rate discussion armed with new evidence that wage pressures remain subdued.

Annual growth in average earnings remained at 3.25 per cent in November, the fifth month in a row at that level. The City had been expecting a rise to 3.5 per cent and argued that the news removes yet another hurdle to lower rates.

Mr Clarke and Mr George met yesterday afternoon for an hour and, while a minority in the City believes a rate cut could be announced today, most think it is too soon after rates were cut by a quarter point in December.

A picture of sluggish eco-nomic growth was backed up by news of a 7,900 fall in unemployment in December, one of the smallest monthly falls in recent months. The only worrying sign for

inflation was news of a pick up in unit labour costs, which were up 4 per cent year on year in the three months ended November. This is because manufacturing output has been slowing but employment rising, leading to a fall in productivity and a rise in unit labour costs. However, weaker output is also depress ing factory gate prices, which is crucially important to future retail price inflation. Also announced was a £1

billion public sector borrowber. This was higher than the City had expected but was largely due to a change in the timing of interest payments. Most economists believe that the PSBR is on track to meet the Government's full-year forecast of £29 billion.

The City is now eagerly awaiting today's figures for retail prices and retail sales.

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Lloyds talks

Britain's second largest hands after revealing that it is in talks with a potential buyer. Lloyds Chemists, which also owns the Holland & Barratt health food chain, said it was talking to one interested party with whom it has been in discussion for some time. Lloyds shares News of the discussions sent the share price up 75p to 306p. Page 27

Bank worries The relationship between banks and small businesses still has scope for improvement. Page 30

Forte battle enters its final throes

By Erric Regula

THE decisive moment in the battle for Forte comes tomor-Granada hold their final meeting with Mercury Asset Management, the fund manager whose support is considered crucial to the bid's outcome.

MAM owns about 15 per cent of Forte, making it the single largest shareholder of the hotels and restaurants group. Forte's chances of remaining independent will be considerably weakened unless it can convince MAM that Granada's £3.8 billion offer does not adequately reflect Forte's potential future value. Granada yesterday bought

another 8.3 million Forte shares, paying 384p apiece, to raise its stake to 9.9 per cent-The Forte family owns approximately 8 per cent of Forte, but

Tesco leads the winners over the festive period

MIXED news emerged from the high street yesterday on trading over the festive period with Teso claiming it had enjoyed its finest Christmas, while Body Shop Issued a surrise profit warning surprise profit warning.
Tesco lifted like-for-like sales by 8.5 per cent in the 20

weeks to December 30 and by 10 per cent in the four weeks leading up to the new year. Sir Iam MacLaurin, Tesco chair-man, said: "This was the best Christmas we have ever had. This reflects the success of Clubcard as well as our Christmas range, The com-pany's shares suffered from news of price pledges from Esso and shell that threaten to erode Tesco's petrol sales. The

shares slipped 74 p to 308p. The Body Shop, the ecofriendly cosmetics group, re-ported flat like-for-like sales in



MacLaurin: delighted a 7 per cent drop in like-for-like sales in the US, for a warning that pre-tax profits for the year to February were expected to fall slightly short of last year's £3.5 million. The shares were lp down at 151p. Kingfisher, the Comet to Woolworths group, revealed strong sales in some parts of

weeks to January 6 and like for-like sales rose 3.9 per cent. Woolworths and Comet sales were offset by falls at B&Q and Darty. The 7.5 per cent advance at Woolworths removed any vestige of concern that the chain would suffer a repeat of the previous year's profit warning. Kingfisher's

share rose 9p to 538p.

Allders, the department store and international dutyfree retailer, fared similarly. In the 15 weeks to January 13, the department stores mustered an 8.5 per cent advance in sales and a 1 per cent rise in like-for-like sales. Duty-free

sales leapt 45 per cent. Shares rose 3p to 176p.

The use of credit and debit cards by British consumers reached a record-breaking £7.9 billion in December, up a huge 20 per cent from last Christmas, according to the

Finance panel overhaul

By Ross Tieman

THE Private Finance Panel, which advises the Chancellor, Kenneth Clarke, on his plans to replace £14 billion of public spending with private sector projects, is being overhauled in an effort to give the initia-

tive new impetus. Ten members of the 16strong panel are stepping down, while only three new recruits will join. They are Gren Folwell, finance director of the Halifax Building Society; Robin Fox, vice-chairman of merchant bank Kleinwort Benson Group and Alastair Ross Goobey, chief executive of Her-

mes Pensions Management. Seven members of the new nine-person panel will each take responsibility for oversight of Private Finance Initiative (PFI) projects within a

particular ministry.

Among those leaving the panel are Howard Davies, the deputy governor of the Bank of England.

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greater degree of monetary stability within the participating states as a group than could otherwise be achieved". To do that, decisions must be made that are often painful and unpopular". Such decisions affect "not just markets but jobs, the prosperity of many people and the profits, even the existence of individ-

such decisions had to be able to act quickly and decisively "and its decisions must be fully and simultaneously implemented throughout the jurisdiction to which they apply". But Lord Tugendhat said it was questionable whether European Union institutions, such as a central bank, at the present time or for the next few years "will enjoy the moral and practical authority required to carry such

He also said that the current record of implementation and observance of EU rules in member states "can best be described as patchy".

Lord Tugendhat said that he was in favour of single currency and of a European central bank, but only when conditions were right. This meant extending the scope of the single market, ensuring that the economies of member states are in underlying equalibrium, seeing that there is sustained growth, seeing that there would not be a negative effect on employment across member states, and ensuring that public opinion is clearly in favour of the move.

Lord Tugendhat added: "It is more reasonable and it does not reflect the underlying realities."

By PATRICIA TEHAN MANAZING CORRESPONDENT

A EUROPEAN central bank is unworkable under current economic and political conditions in Europe and should be postponed. To suggest that the 1999 single corrency timetable is viable "flies in the fact of the facts", according to Lord Tugendhat, a former European Commissioner,

Lord Tugendhat, a stanneh pro-European and chairman of Abbey National. Britain's fifth biggest bank, cast doubt over the likely success of the central bank proposal at a dinner in London last night. the first time a senior British banker has

publicly attacked the proposals. He said that among the most important objectives of the proposed European Tugendhat pro-European central bank "is that it should maintain & ..

ual firms", he said. The institution charged with making

important to get it right than to meet an arbitrary deadline. This timetable is not

Loyalty Visa launched by Budgens

By Sarah Bagnall

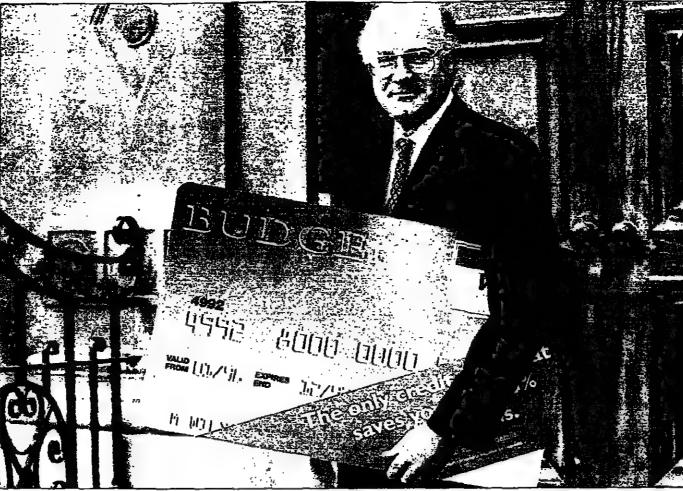
BUDGENS, the South East-based food retailer, yesterday launched a loyalty card with a difference — a Visa card.

John von Spreckelsen, chief executive, suid: "It is a unique card. It has features that make it far superior to anything else in the market." Launched in conjunction with The Asso-

ciates, an American finance organisation owned by the Ford Group, the Budgens Visa card is unusual in that users can still accrue points if they shop at rival supermarket groups but use their Budgens card to pay.

Mr von Spreckelsen said the initial target audience for the card was the group's one million shoppers. Currently only 26 per cent of its customers use cards. Budgens is not incurring any of the costs of the card and as a result the scheme will not dilute earnings.

The news came as Budgens revealed a rise in pre-tax profits from £900,000 to £4.3 million in the 28 weeks to November 12, helped by the group ahandoning Penny Market, the lossincurring discount venture. This helped to lift gross margins, while the replacement format, Freshsave, helped to lift sales. Sales rose from £150.1 million to £162.6 million and like-for-like sales rose 4.5 per cent. The interim dividend, due April II, was up for the first time in several years, from 0.3p to 0.35p, and is payable out of carnings of 2.1p (0.4p). Shares rose 1p to 3412 p.



John von Spreckelsen, chief executive, with a mock-up of the Budgens Visa card which also rewards customers for loyalty

as rivals' sales increase

By MARIANNE CURPHEY

THREE of the UK's major life companies showed gains in new business during 1995 while the Prudential's sales fell 8 per cent during what it described as a "difficult" year. Sales of annual premium life and pension products and single premium products at the Prudential, the UK's biggest insurance company, both fell 8 per cent to £344 million and £2.027 billion respectively as the public remained reluctant to buy pensions and life products after the mis-selling

Worldwide, annual sales were down 3 per cent to £500. million and single premium sales down II per cent to £4.47 billion in the year to Decem-

While the fall throughout the industry was an average 15 Accident, which assumed control of the pensions provider Provident Mutual on January I. reported a 53 per cent increase in total new premi-

Scottish Life unveiled increases in group and individual pensions business but a drop in mortgage sales, and Scoutsh Widows reported total new premium income up 44 per cent to \$1,005 billion.

The value of General Accident's new business reached a record £936 million, comprising £894 million of new single premiums and £42.3 million of new annual premiums.

General Accident admitted that several hundred staff out of 3.200 employed by General Accident Life after its tallcover of Provident Mutual could be shod under restructuring plans. Peter Hales, assistant general manager, said 100 johs had already gone.

Pru falls | Whitehall concedes rate of jobless fall is slowing

THE Government now recognises that the downtrend trend in unemployment is declining. This was made clear by Whitehalf officials yesterday when they announced a further, but lower than expected, fall of 7.900 in the number out of work and claiming benefit. Ministers claimed the de-

cline was "clear evidence" of the success of the Government's economic policies. though opposition leaders warned the figures meant a looming return of recession. New figures published by the Central Statistical Office confirmed the blunder by

the 28th successive monthly fall in unemployment a day too soon. Though headline. unadjusted unemployment ac-tually rose by 32.078 to 2.228.214 in December, after being seasonally adjusted figures seen as the best guide to the trend in unemployment showed a 7,900 fall to 2,236,900 - 8 per cent of the workforce and a four-and-a-

Prime Minister, who disclosed

half-year low. Seasonally-adjusted unemployment fell for men and women, but rose in Scotland. where even on an adjusted basis it went up by 800.

belief that the likely monthly fall in unemployment remains 10-15,000, though they produced figures to show that since unemployment fell from its peak in December 1992 — it is now down 741.600 since then - the rate of decrease is clearly declining.

in 1993, unemployment fell by 16.500 a month, by a monthly average of 33,100 in 1994 and by 15.100 a month in 1995. Over the past six months it has fallen by an average of 12,800, and over the past three 9.500 before last month's fall of 7.900. A Whitehall statistician said: "There are

Productivity falling for first time in ten years

BY OUR INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

PRODUCTIVITY is falling in Britain for the first time for ten years, new Government figures showed vesterday.

The productivity totals especially when coupled with continuing rising unit labour costs although average earnings growth remained flat will dispirit business leaders striving to improve UK industrial competitiveness.

New figures from the Cen-tral Statistical Office showed that manufacturing output per head in the three months to November fell 0.1 per cent compared with a year before.

Although this is a very small fall, it marks the first decline fall in the three-month productivity figures - monthly totals show greater volatility - since March 1986, when output per head also fell 0.i At the same time, the rise in

unit wage costs in manufacturing industry accelerated. Business leaders regard unit wage costs as a key indicator Britain's competitive performance. In the period, wages and

salaries per unit of output in manufacturing industry rose 4 per cent compared with a year previously. This marks a rise from the 3.7 per cent increase in November, and continues a steadily rising

But average earnings re-mained stable, with the underlying rise for the whole economy rising for the fifth

successive month by 3.25 per cent. But some economists continued to be concerned about earnings, saying that an upswing in earnings growth is probably inevitable in the coming months. However, public sector pay

specialists said the flat earnings growth might mean pubsector workers failing behind when the Government announces - probably by early next month - the awards from the pay review bodies for 1.5 million

employees. Chris Trinder, chief economist of the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy, said: "Public secto: workers in 1996 could have their worst year since 1990."

Lloyd's to insist on 'passport' to work

By Graham Searjeant

has been declining since 1994." Last month's figures rose

because more people were

joining the unemployment count and fewer people left it. The flow of people joining the

count rose by 2,200 to 295,800

while the number of people

leaving it dropped by 8.500 to

Separate figures from the

Government's quarterly Lab-

our Force Survey showed a

7.000 rise in the number of

claimaint unemployed, as

measured on the internation-

ally-accepted 1LO basis, though Whitehall officials in-

sisted that the increase was

largely a "sampling fluctua-tion" and should not be given

undue significance. ILO un-

employment in the autumn

quarter fell by 15,000 to 2.4

jobs fell by 700.

At the same time, the stock

Ministers denied any signif-

icance in the lower-than-ex-

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Education and Employment

minister, said: "Figures will

inevitably fluctuate from

month to month." But Labour

said the small drop masks

John Monks, TUC General

Secretary, said the figures

showed that the "recovery is

beginning to peter out", and called on Kenneth Clarke, the

Chancellor, to cut interest

☐ Figures from the CSO

showed a big increase in days

lost through industrial action

last November - up to 69,000

over the month compared to

29,000 in October and just

17.000 in November 1994.

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305,000.

LLOYD'S of London's regula-tors are to authorise individual market professionals for the first time. David Gittings, who succeeded Rosalind Gilmore as head of regulation, said that tests applied would include competence, as shown for instance by a manager's

underwriting record. The drive for individual passports to work at the insurance market is part of a plan to make regulation more like that under the Financial Services Act. Sir Alan Hardcastle, chairman of Lloyd's Regulatory Board, unveiled the first annual regulatory plan yesterday. He said that openness was one of the main recommendations of the re-

view by Miss Gilmore. Authorising individuals to code of business conduct, simiby 3,400 in the month to lar to those promoted by the December, and placings into Securities and Investments Board. Sir Alan hopes to complete the code this month.

Sir Alan said that authorisation would initially apply to between 4,000 and 6,000 key individuals in agencies, mostly directors and underwriting managers. Mr Gittings hopes to process these within a year of people having to apply, probably in the Spring. No time has been set for authorisation to be needed to trade, but Sir Alan insisted that existing professionals

would not automatically qual-ify, saying: "Some will have to leave or will not apply." The board will also monitor firms more often, streamline disciplinary procedures, make firms liable for employees and bring in a tariff of fines for minor failings. Pennington, page 27

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Partial settlement over Exxon disaster

EXXON, the world's largest oil company, has reached a partial settlement of \$300 million in its suit against Lloyd's of London and other underwriters over the 1989 Exxon Valdez oil spill in Alaska, which resulted in a \$5 billion punitive fine in 1994. The suit sought to recover insurance for part of Exxon's expenses as cargo owner. The Exxon Valdez supertanker spilled 11 million gallons of oil, polluting 1,500 miles of shoreline.

Lee Raymond, Exxon chairman, said he was "pleased" with the partial settlement but added that the company still has "substantial insurance claims pending with Lloyd's and other underwriters". Exxon said a trial date, set for April 8, has been planned in the State District of Harris County. Texas, to address those claims. Exxon also yesterday settled a \$3.5 million deal over thousands of miscellaneous damages claims that could help to speed up payouts by the company, although plaintiffs believe settlement could still take years.

Intel disappoints

INTEL the world's largest microchip maker, reported a surge in earnings and revenues for the final quarter of last year, but failed to match Wall Street's expectations and raised fears of a slowdown in computer sales this year. The company, which is seen as a beliwether for the computer industry, said revenues rose 42 per cent to \$4.58 billion, while earnings doubled to \$867 million, or 98 cents a share. Analysts, who had been expecting about \$1.12 per share. were disappointed. The gloom deepened when Intel said revenues were unlikely to grow during the next few months.

US report hurts Medeva

SHARES of Medeva, the pharmaceuticals company, fell more than 5 per cent yesterday, to 259p, after the US Food and Drug Administration reported that the company's leading drug can cause cancer tumours in some mice. The drug, methylphenidate, which is used to treat hyperactivity in children, caused liver tumours in male mice fed 30 times the normal dose for two years. Medeva said it did not expect the results to reduce the sales of the drug significantly. Analysts downplayed fears that the FDA report would be damaging. They noted that the FDA still recommends the drug.

BET wins pension case

A HIGH COURT test case on pension rights brought by II "dinner ladies" and affecting 3,000 former part-time employees of Lancashire County Council was yesterday decided in favour of employers. Judge Robert Walker ruled that BET Catering Services was entitled not to accept the women, who had worked for the council and been members of the Local Government Pension Scheme, into its company scheme because they earned under £15,000 a year. The ruling means that under EC law firms taking over state services, or the assets of a business, need not provide pension benefits for transferring employees.

Greene King sells shops

GREENE KING has largely baled out of wine retailing, blaming the increasing role of supermarkets and the boom in cross-Channel drink imports, with the sale of 21 shops to Victoria Wine. A spokeswoman for the regional brewer said it had suffered a steady decline in the business of the chain of Thos. Peatling wine merchants in East Anglia and would now focus on mail order sales, keeping just three of the stores open. She said the brewer had seen a falling off in retail sales over the past few years. No price has been disclosed for the

BankAmerica boost

BANKAMERICA, the second largest bank in the US, reported strong growth in earnings for the fourth quarter of last year from \$591 million to \$704 million. Earnings were \$1.74 a share, up from \$1.41 a year ago and compared with estimates of around \$1.68. For the whole year, earnings rose from \$2.1 billion to \$2.7 billion, in line with the strong performance of most US banks over the same period BankAmerica said its lending had risen by 10 per cent and non-interest income was also up on the previous year.

SFA silent on probe

THE Securities and Futures Authority, the watchdog for brokers and futures dealers, yesterday declined to confirm or deny mounting City speculation that two companies within the Winchester Commodities Group — Winchester Brokerage and Winchester Asset Management - are being investigated for alleged rule breaches. However, the SFA did confirm that the two companies were registered as members, as is Charles Vincent, one of the directors of the

British Gas buys fields

BRITISH GAS has bought a £20 million portfolio of gas fields and licences to explore for oil and gas in Italy from Fiat, the carmaker. Some three million cubic feet of gas a year will continue to be pumped to Fiat to fuel its car and other engineering plants. However, British Cas plans to explore for oil in the southern Apennines, where large oil deposits have been found by other companies. Flat and British Gas already have a joint venture to install and operate gas-burning combined heat and electricity plants in Flat factories. Complications, page 29

Nynex optimistic

NYNEX CableComms, the second largest cable company, reported yesterday that its cable-telephony penetration increased from 19.8 per cent to 24.6 per cent in the quarter to December 31. Cable-television penetration, however, rose only marginally to 19.8 per cent. A spokesman said that the company is "disappointed" with television penetration, but expects a renewed marketing effort, including a national advertising campaign in March, to lift the figure. Annual earnings will be released next month.

MPs to debate Rom Data

MPs are to hold a full-scal debate next week on how £850,000 of taxpayers' wa poured into a West Countr computer firm when one of the directors had a trouble financial history (Rober

Miller writes).
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Blinder leaving Fed

Advocate of lower US rates to quit

ALAN BLINDER, Deputy Chairman of the Federal Readvocate of lower US interest rates, is to step down when his term of office expires at the end of this month.

Mr Blinder's departure will remove the chief supporter at the Fed of a more relaxed monetary policy. In late 1994, and over the past few months. he has argued that the softening of the US economy required lower interest rates to avoid the risk of recession His view has increasingly

gained ground at the Fed and most economists now expect the central bank to cut the rate by about half a percentage point at its next meeting on January 30. Mr Blinder's departure vir-

tually ensures that the top Fed appointments remain in the hands of Republican sympathisers. Mr Blinder was President Bill Clinton's most influential appointee at the Fed and when he was appointed two years ago was touted as a possible successor to Alan Greenspan us chairman.

However, the Republican majority in Congress appears to have put paid to that. Mr Greenspan's second four-year term expires in March but he



Greenspan: 'staying on'

ful, however, whether Mr

Clinton will be able to get Congressional approval for

anyone who shares Mr Blind-

er's economic views.

is widely expected to be reappointed by the President, even though he was originally a Republican appointment. Mr Blinder, an academic from Princeton University and a lifelong Keynesian, often

drew criticism from Wall into how DTI officials failed Street for his willingness to to run checks and discove referate a degree of inflation to that John Dawson, a former keep the economy growing. director of Rom Data Corpo ration of Falmouth, was His departure leaves two vacancies on the seven-memdischarged bankrupt, ha ber Fed board, which the President must fill. It is doubtbeen completed.

Ian Lang, the President of the Board of Trade, has prom ised MPs that he will rever the results of the report to MP and could do so during th

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BUSINESS NEWS

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The doubts of a Europhile

LI WHEN a Europhile like Lord Tugendhat is forced to make a public attack on the concept of a European central bank, and by implication on chances of economic and monetary union, it is a clear sign that the mood is turning against the current

Lord Tugendhat is only voicing what Britain's most senior bankers have been saying pri-vately at lunches and dinners in the City for months. But since Abbey National has more to gain from a single currency than its rivals, which have massive foreign exchange trading systems, perhaps he feels that he is in a

stronger position to speak out. He has been one of the biggest supporters of the European Union and a great believer that a single market needs a single currency. But he sensibly questions the wisdom of being a slave to a timetable that does not reflect the underlying realities.

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There is a growing awareness that the move towards a single currency is being driven by the will of the politicians, not of the public. Indeed, there is little evidence of any public yearning within the community, outside one or two special interest groups, for closer economic ties. But once politicians have set themselves a firm deadline they are unwilling to give it up, even though the whole Maastricht debate showed the need to ensure a degree of public support before attempting to implement anything that would have a radical effect on people's lives.

If the current timetable remains in place and a single currency and a European central bank is imposed on a reluctant or, at best, acquiescent but surly European population, not only will it be difficult to convince them that the new institution carries sufficient moral and practical authority, the international capital markets will soon recognise it is based on a political fudge rather than on solid economic criteria.

The strikes in France showed that when the French impose painful economic decisions on the French, the result is civil unrest. The unification of East and West German currencies was tricky, even though it had overwhelming political and public support. How popular would such measures be if imposed from outside, by Eurocrats?

Lord Tugendhat is suggesting an unspecified delay before another timetable for imple-

Catch 22 here. If there is no timetable, there is unlikely to be a single currency or a European

central bank.

If the current timetable is imposed on Europe and a system rushed in when economic criteria are not achieved and public will is not behind it, and when it cannot be shown that there will be a beneficial rather than a negative effect on everyone's lives, it will never be met.

The gasman cometh

☐ AT British Gas it is put up or shut up time, time for the Government to decide just who foots the cost of the E40 billion forward contracts that have gone sour for Britain's most unpopu-

The candidates are the customer, the public exchequer, British Gas shareholders, the North Sea producers — or any combination of the above. A mixand-match is most likely, but it will be a judgment of Solomon to

share out the burden fairly.

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levy on all gas shipped, to cover the eventual losses. The loser: the customer, who sees fewer benefits from competition in the domestic market, whenever that may eventually arrive. The drawback: political, in that the consumer pays for British Gas's earlier mistakes, and much of the benefit of one of the Government's most prized policies is lost shortly before an election. Probability: less than 25 per cent.

The next option is to allow the losses to be recouped by adjust-ing the regulatory formulae governing future price rises. The loser: the customer again, as prices are kept artificially high. The drawback: the regulator has already set her mind against this

can be changed. Probability: rather less than 25 per cent. The next solution is a straight smash-and-grab on public fi-nances, whether by adjusting the tax regime or by more direct methods. The loser, you and me. The drawback: hideously pol-

itical - your tax revenues going to keep Cedric Brown in the style to which he is accustomed. Probability: negligible.
Option four is to allow nature to take its course, with no levy,

contract renegotiation, or any other sop to the British Gas finances. The losers: British Gas shareholders, deprived of future dividend growth. The drawback: not the greatest advertisement for privatisation ahead of the Railtrack and British Energy floats. Probability: pretty good, if combined with: Option five: club the North Sea

producers into reaching agreement with British Gas over renegotiation of the contracts. The losers: the customers, because of higher prices than otherwise, British Gas, because there will have to be some give and take on either side, and the producers, because ditto. The

drawback: it would take some crude and public arm-twisting. in the form of veiled tax threats. to bring the producers to the table. But it's a tough world. Probability: overwhelming. But time, and ministers, will tell.

Lloyd's gears up for statutory regulation

☐ LLOYD'S Regulatory Board is making its machinery look as much as possible like the self regulatory organisations that nestle under the nervous skirts of the Securities and Investments Board. If groups such as the all-party Treasury Select Committee get their way and Lloyd's is brought into a new, statutorily independent framework after the election, disruption need not be so great.
The trend to corporate capital,

plus new rights to hold and auction participation in syndicates, make it academic whether the traditional system of underwriting names could be classed as investment for the purposes of the Financial Services Act. The brave new attempt

to authorise individuals as well as firms to trade carries the footprints of Rosalind Gilmore, the short-lived former head of regulation. It makes Lloyd's a hybrid, in FSA terms, between a recognised exchange and a regu-lator such as the Securities and Futures Association. This begs the question whether Lloyd's should do both or whether the dual functions of the old London Stock Exchange should have been divided in the first place. Meanwhile, individual autho-

risation, increased monitoring and a more routine disciplinary system should hasten the trend to a slimmer, more professional but duller, less potentially profitable Lloyd's. As usual at Lloyd's, however, the change will depend on how far its barons allow the new regulatory plan to be put into purposeful action.

Number crunch

☐ STUNG by the Treasury Select Committee's charge that he tends towards pessimism on inf-lation. Eddie George has his first chance today to show that he has turned over a new leaf. Although nobody seriously believes that rates are coming down at once, watch for the Bank of England's money market operations at 10.15 this morning. A flat set of retail trade and inflation numbers, and you never know.

Wolf will sink teeth in USAir unions

USAir, which is 25 per cent owned by British Airways, has appointed a tough new chatman and chief executive to handle key negotiations with its unions.

Stephen Wolf, who stepped down as head of United Airways in 1994, replaces the outgoing chairman, Seth Schofield. Mr Schofield is leaving partly because he failed to secure concessions from USAir's powerful unions. The company, which has the highest cost structure in the industry, has said it is aiming for cuts of around \$500 million.

A priority of the new chairman is likely to be the deepening of USAir's relawith BA; although this will require delicate handling in the face of Congressional opposition to the foreign ownership of US airlines.

Photo-Me warning

Shares in Photo-Me International fell 8p to 125p after the world's leading photo booth maker and operator accompanied flat first-half profits with a warning of lower full-year profits. The company, which also runs copiers, express print services and automatic film processing systems, blames the anticipated shortfall on the recent French strikes.

Photo-Me's pre-tax prof-its edged up to £10.1 million in the six months to October 31, compared with £10 million last time, on turnover ahead 8.4 per cent to £104.4 million. The interim dividend is maintained at 1.5p and is payable on April 9.

Imro takes action

Imro, the watchdog for fund managers, said that investigations and disciplinary proceedings were n progress against some of its members over past pension transfer business. The potential rule breaches, possibly involving "systernic failing" in the sales process, came to light as a result of the industry-wide review of the personal pensions mis-selling

Bid talks lift shares in Lloyds Chemists

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY

THE second-biggest chemist in the high street may soon be in new hands after revealing that it is in talks with a potential buyer.

Lloyds Chemists, which also owns the Holland & Barratt health food chain, said it was talking to one interested party with whom it has been in discussion for some time. News of the discussions sent the share price leaping 75p to 366p, while the market jostled with an array of possible suspects.

Many large retailers were cited, although much of the spotlight fell on UniChem, the pharmacy chain. The move would make for good synergy if UniChem could clear any monopolies concerns. Shares in UniChem fell 10p to 239p.

Boots, which is the largest chemist in the UK, has also been touted, although the regulatory hurdles the company would face would be considerable. Similarly, Asda and Tesco have been mentioned because of their developing interests in pharmaceutical retailing, but both stores have

the running. There would be some administrative difficulty in a large supermarket chain completely absorbing the Lloyds business because of its family health service association contracts. Such contracts are controlled so that in any area there is only a certain number of outlets that are allowed to rescribed drugs. The

such a supermarket chain or other controlling company would be likely to meet with opposition from local pharmacies.

Lloyds told the Stock Exchange before the market opened yesterday that it had received an approach which could lead to an offer being indicated that they are not in made for its entire share capital. It made the announcement after the share price had climbed in the previous day's

The company said it was consulting Samuel Montagu, its financial advisers. Rupert Faure Walker, a corporate finance director of the merchant bank, said that a further announcement was likely by transfer of those contracts to branches and owns 300 Hol-

land & Barratt outlets, within several days.

Mr Faure Walker would give no indication of the bidder's identity except that there was only one name in the frame.

At yesterday's share price, Lloyds was worth £465 million, while analysts are suggesting that the buyer may have to pay a premium in the order of 20 per cent. Lloyds has been the subject

of bid speculation for some time, with the rumours escalating as the retail pharmaceutical market has become increasingly competitive. Margins in the drug stores have been slimmed by fiercer pricing from rivals.

Dance division Gartmore stake still up for sale

GARTMORE, the UK fund management group, said no buyer has been secured for the 75 per cent interest in the company held by Banque Indosuez. The stake was put up for sale in September

(Patricia Tehan writes). Negotiations are believed to have foundered on the widely differing views of the buyers and sellers over how to price Garimore

Its shares fell 9p yesterday to 245p, valuing the firm at £512 million. Bankgesellschaft Berlin, the state-owned German bank, had come closest to reaching a deal with Gartmore, though no final offer was made. It is understood to remain interested. In a brief statement to the

Stock Exchange, Gartmore said: "Banque Indosuez continues to seek to dispose of its shareholding and is in contact Tempus, page 28 interested parties."

lifts First Leisure

By Alasdair Murray

FIRST LEISURE, the sports and amusements group, waitzed to a 7 per cent increase in profits at £40 million for 1995 helped by a strong performance from its dancing and bowling divisions.

The dividend was increased 10 per cent to 7.72p but the company was cautious on trading for 1996 and shares

fell 19p to 349p. John Conlon, chief executive, said: "We are very close to the consumer and feel that there has been a fall-off in spending growth. But we are confident of meeting our medi-

um-term objectives."
The star performer was the dancing division where profits were up 17 per cent to £18 million and turnover increased 14 per cent to £57 lion. The company that last year admissions total-

led a record seven million and it was looking to open a further 20 discos over the next two years. The sports division profits

were also up 17 per cent, to EII million, with sales ahead 15 per cent to E41.5 million. But profits in the Bingo division suffered from a drop in sales in the smaller outlets and start-up costs associated with the opening of seven new Riva clubs. Sales rose 58 per cent to £15.5 million, while profits fell 14 per cent to £1.9 million. In the resort sector, sales fell 2 per cent at £44.5 million and profits dropped 5 per cent to FIG.6 million.

Theatres contributed E600,000million with hits including Crazy For You and Copacabana. The dividend is due on 10 April.

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designer that won the NatWest export award for small

businesses at the 1995 British Apparel Export Awards

Wainhomes calls in police over valuations

BY PHILIP PANGALOS

POLICE have been called in to Wainhomes and is investigating "valuation irregularities" found at the Cheshire housebuilder's northern division in Standish, Lancashire.

The irregularities are under stood to relate to false billings and valuations. Two employees at the group's Wainhomes Northern division have been dismissed and two are suspended pending investigations.

The group estimates that the effect of adjusting work-inprogress to take account of the irregularities will result in an additional charge to building costs of about £2 million. Some of this relates to the year to March 31, 1995. The accounts

were audited by KPMG.
Ron Smith, Wainhomes's chief executive, has been dismissed, although the group said he was not involved in the irregularities.

Mr Smith sold 20 per cent of his stake in the company, realising £1.11 million, when it was floated in 1994. He was on a two-year contract and is understood to have received £192,000 last year as well as £12,000 of pension contributions, which may entitle him to a £400,000-plus payoff. Terms

Peter Lockhead models clothes by Burro, the menswear

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Welsh Water strikes a deal with Ofwat

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY

compromise with the water regulator over its bid for South Wales Electricity only days Fair Trading is due to reach a decision on the takeover.

Ian Byatt, the Director-General of Water Services, had called for the water business of the merged utility to be listed on the Stock Exchange separately to enable price transparency and so he could monitor other aspects of the business. But Welsh refused saying arguing that the requirements of a separate board

WELSH WATER has struck a for the business and selling off a percentage of the share capital would defeat many benefits of a takeover. It complained that such demands were not placed on North West Water when it bought Norweb.

Various conditions have now been agreed which stop short of Mr Byatt's demand for separate listing, which he now intends to pursue on an industry-wide basis.

Part of the compromise includes new issuance of preference shares which would be separately listed.



MICHAEL CLARK

Investors take a rest as rate cut fails to appear

breather after Tuesday's sharp gains with both equities and government securities giving up early gains.

There was no sign of the expected cut in interest rates after the monthly economic meeting between Kenneth Clarke, Chancellior of the Exchequer, and Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of England. Hopes are still high that a further softening in rates will be signalled in the short term.

Certainly, share prices had a tired look about them last night as the FT-SE 100 index saw an early 12-point lead reversed before ending 6.4 lower at 3,704.2.

investors have paid the price for a bad case of wishful thinking in shares of British Gas recently. They have outperformed the market 13 per cent during the past month in the hope that a quick solution could be found to the unprofit-

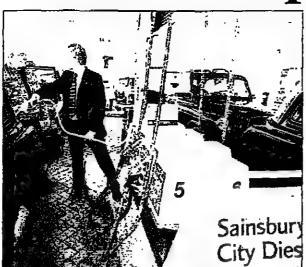
able gas supply contract. But Ofgas, the industry regulator, has thrown a spanner in the works by making it clear that it will not be distracted from its review of the company's gas pipeline business by any problems being suffered over gas supply

The British Gas share price reacted to the comments with a fall of 12p at 255 p as turnover in the shares reached more than 33 million.

News of a bid approach at Lloyds Chemists sent the shares soaring 75p to 366p. It came as little surprise to the City, which has been predicting such a move for months. At these levels, the group is capitalised at £437 million. In the past, its name has been linked with rival Boots, down 5p at 596p, and several supermarket chains, including Tesco and Asda, Favourite in the frame now is UniChem, down 10p at 239p.

Tesco moved quickly to deny the rumours linking it with Lloyds Chemists. This came as it gave a rundown of 15.4 per cent rise in sales during the 20 weeks up to December 30. Like-for-like sales were 8.5 per cent ahead. came on the back of its loyalty card scheme which paid out more than £25 million. But the shares failed to benefit, losing 7½ p to 308 p on news of the petrol price war announced by Shell and Esso.

COMMODITY EXCHANGE



Sainsbury shares fell on news of Esso's petrol price cut

Both companies have announced cuts of up to 20p a gallon which is set to hit the likes of independent garage operators like Frost, which reacted with a fall of 10p to 171p. The news of a petrol price war also hit the other big supermarket chains that sell petrol, with J Sainsbury. down 612 p at 417p, Argyll, off

82p at 348p. and Asda, 22p

a 10 per cent rise in sales, but there was no growth in likefor-like sales.

Kingfisher responded to positive trading news with a jump of 9p to 538p. Group sales in the ten weeks to January 6 were up almost + per cent. The one black mark was its B&Q subsidiary which saw sales dip 3 per cent in a depressed marketplace.

Shares in TBI, the property investment and development company. firmed 212 p to 58p, after Credit Lyonnals Laing issued a buy recommendation. CLL expects TBI, which owns Cardiff airport and recently made a £42.9 million recommended bid for Molyneux Estates, to be the top performing property share in 1996.

easier at 112p. Better than expected first-half profits lifted Budgens ip to 345 p.

A profits warning left Body Shop nursing a fall of lp at 151p. The group said profits for the current year would fall short of the £33.5 million achieved last time. It blamed depressed sales in the US which had not shown the recovery that had been anticipated. Christmas trading saw

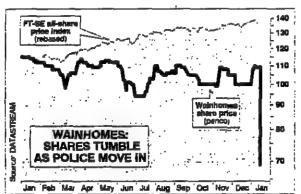
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Medeva fell 14p to 259p after the US and Food Drug Adminstration indicated that tests on rats with the group's methylphenidate drug indicated that it may cause cancer.

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GCLT-EDGED: The London market attempted to extend Tuesday's sharp gains in early trading still looking for a cut in interest rates. But selling pressure reported on overseas bond markets soon spilled over with prices moving into negative territory later in the day. However, London did manage to put in a late surge, outperforming German bunds as they closed off the

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Stanley Leisure is like any other bookmaker - it found the going difficult after the introduction of the National Lottery. Half-year profits fell from E6.1 million to E1.5 chairman, months in racing he could remember. The shares also trailed in with a fall of 12p to 341p. Bingo is also being hit by the lottery and that left Rank

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all catch for Kingfisher

could yet justify a re-rating. to have addressed the appallgement problem that has held dd to that a little trimming of gin and the electrical retailer ly-needed sales boost. Woolpenefited from better stock en pricing, allowing it to hold ainst the seasonal onslaught toy retailers, such as Argos. verall sales advance in real

expectation of a return to profit at Comet should be enough to keep the woives from boardroom door at Kingfisher although the performance of B&Q is disturbingly weak. Darty is expected to recover quickly from the French strikes and there are hopes of major

produced a sprinkling of good which pleased the market but sales gains from the introduction of PCs to its range. However, the focus on Kingfisher's French operation poses a question about the rationale for the group. Successful conglomerates need to own market leaders as their is little justification in owing a share in a collection of second-rate assets with no commonality. In Darty, Kingfisher has a premier retailer and B&Q, despite a weak

Christmas, arguably meets that criterion.
Elsewhere Kingfisher falls down with Superdrug a respectable but second-tier chemist and Comet recovering from losses. Woolworths is the biggest conundrum; a good competitor in provincial high streets but outclassed in city centres. Kingfisher cannot afford to buy its way out of trouble; the cost of good retailing assets would depress its rate of return. The path ahead remains stony and

Lloyds Chems.

A TAKEOVER of Lloyds Chemists would offer shareholders the happy prospect of a decent return without waiting for the company to sort out its loss-making Supersave drugstores: Lloyds took a hefty £13 million provision last March to close 100 outlets and tranform the remainder into new formats but profits before the exceptional charge were flat and the market is expecting meagre earnings growth this year. The share price has gradually recovered but there will be little resistance to an offer from UniChem - the widely

rumoured suitor. A bid at 350p would give shareholders an exit multiple of about 12 times current year earnings, hardly exciting but Lloyds is not a Boots. Price could prove to be a

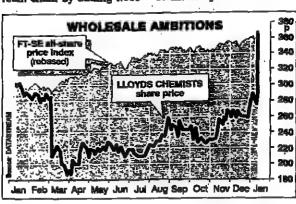
problem for UniChem which would face a huge goodwill writeoff on a bid worth £425 million, roughly the size of UniChem itself. That implies a hig cash call if the company is to avoid a huge deficit in its balance sheet.

For UniChem, Lloyds would provide a unique op-portunity to build up its

netail chain by adding 1.000

stores. However, wholesaling could prove problem. UniChem and Gehe, the German group which bought AAH last year, both have 30 per cent of the market and the Department of Health might object to the removal of the No. 3 wholesaler. An MMC reference seems likely.

outlets to its existing 400



Tesco

TESCO'S star continues to rise. Notching up like-for-like sales growth of 10 per cent over Christmas and 8.5 per cent in the first 20 weeks of the second half is no mean

Market conditions remain tough and show little signs of easing. To gain ground the chains have to win custom from their rivals, a battle Tesco is winning. In the space of a year, its market share has risen from 16.6 per cent to 18.5 per cent in December, In contrast Sainsbury's share slipped from 17.7 per cent to 17.1 per

Tesco's sales growth has been helped by both Clubcard, which added a couple of points, and inflation of 4.5 per cent, factors which raise concern about the group's ability to maintain the momentum. Clubcard's first anniversary is next month and future like-for-like advances

will be harder to achieve.

Aggressive price pledges announced yesterday by Esso and Shell raise the prospect of reduced profits from Tesco's petrol sales. Of the supermarkets, Tesco is the biggest petrol retailer but the business only accounts for about £100 million of gross profits before costs.

There is also a question mark over Tesco's management transition; the partnership of Terry Leahy and David Reid is as yet untested. But these are quibbles which fail to justify Tesco's discount

First Leisure

First Leisure have an unerring ability to spot the nation's leisure habits. While middle of the road music venues and multiplex-style bingo and bowling may sound purgatory to some, it is clearly paradise to others. The company has now logged 13 straight years of profit increases in what is often a fickle

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£55 million last year.

WALL STREET

First Leisure is one of the few companies in the sector not whinging about the National Lottery. The company would like changes in the law but sees its main task in tempting loose change away from lottery scratch cards and into its bingo outlets. A strong financial position, with good cash generation and low gearing, has enabled the company to increase investment from £34 million to

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The problem for the investor is that square City gents have spotted. First Leisure's attractions and the company sits on an expensive rating of words yesterday suggest 1996 will be no more than solid and it will another year before the benefits of new show through. The shares are destined to go higher but unless the price slips further, better value can be found

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A slip which could cost Dole the presidency

THE BLIZZARDS that The New Yorker controin 3ft of snow claimed their most political victim this week when Elizabeth Dole, wife of the leading Repub-lican presidential candidate, slipped on ice and fractured her wrist while

out walking the dog. For Mrs Dole, who has briefly left the presidency of the American Red Cross to pursue her husband's final attempt at the White House, the injury has proved a minor irritation that should heal in time for

the campaigning ahead. A simultaneous political storm, emerging from a long career that has left a trail of policy decisions and private financial transactions, is unlikely to blow away with such ease.

Already The New Yorker magazine has turned its spotlight on her past, suggesting she had benefited financially from special treatment because of the political activities of her

hushand Senator Robert Dole. Elizabeth Dole at 59 is fast becoming the most compelling feature of her spouse's campaign, the Republican answer to Hillary

Before Mrs fracture, Dole had started a tour of

the country. Not, as in Mrs Clinton's case, to promote a soul-searching book on children and consciously deflate an image of hardened harridan, but rather to insist on a new role for America's First Lady.

At each stop, after a reading of the impressive credentials of the only woman to serve in separate Cabinet posts for different Administrations, hosts would introduce Mrs Dole with the identical mantra: She plans to return to her post as president of the American Red Cross upon her husband's election."

Mrs Dole, married for 20 years to the current Senate majority leader, puts it slightly differently. "There will be two President Doles if Bob is elected. He will be States, and I'll be president of the Red Cross."

While some see Mrs Dole's approach as refreshing, it has already created its own set of problems and conflicts of interest.

surfaced during Mr Dole's presidential campaign in 1988, centres on David Owen, for 20 years one of the senator's closest aides in Kansas before he was convicted of tax fraud.

time managing Mrs Dole's personal investments, placing them in a blind trust while she served in government. The magazine suggests that Mrs Dole was given special treatment on several occasions.

Mrs Dole has dismiss the allegations and Mr Owen has said she was not actually told of blind-trust investments prior to any

The Doles have made every attempt to minimise the relationship they once had with Mr Owen. a course strikingly similar to that taken by the Clintons with once-favoured associates in Arkansas. More than that, the reve lations have

come at a time when American politics is being governed by semantics. If pundits throughout the country are debating whether 60 hours of work in Arkan-

sas by Hillary Clinton can be described as Elizabeth Dole "minimal". should not Elizabeth Dole, a trained law-

yer with top-flight degrees from Duke and Harvard who spent time at Oxford. be expected to read her own financial statements? This may be the first electoral reminder that beneath the charming southern veneer of Elizabeth

Dole lies an ambition that

has already taken her to the top of the departments of transportation and labour. as well as the American Red Cross. She has harboured ambitions for the presidency as well as the vice-presidency and, since student days, has wanted to be married to the President of the United

Until now, the woman described by Lyndon B. Johnson as "a sugar-coated disguise her single-minded intent, but just as conservative America thought it had seen the back of one dabbling First Lady, another is apparently waiting chameleon-like in the wings.

How I wrote the book, got the dog and fixed the film

Valerie Grove know how big an impact writing Dodie Smith's biography would have on her own life

"I WRITE THIS sitting in the kitchen sink." Until recently I had never read the famous opening line of Dodie Smith's I Capture the Castle, but every woman I met (and several men) had. It had been in print for 45 years, a favourite with young girls and their mothers. Antonia Fraser told me it contained the most erotic scene ever written: Armistead Maupin based a novel on its format; and even the unromantic Alan Brien (the least sentimental man in the world, as his wife Jill Tweedie said)

Then I was asked to write Dodie Smith's biography by the novelist Julian Barnes, her

thought it a strangely beguil-

I had imagined the dogloving Dodie to be a sweet little old lady, the author of 1930s plays like Dear Octopus, later an admired autobiographer of her flappergirl youth on the stage, and as a salesgirl at Heal's in the

Early in 1991 I happened to be interviewing Gwen Ffrang-con-Davies on her 100th birthday, for The Times. After leaving her cottage I was driven back to Audley End station, and we passed a thatched cottage, closed and shuttered: "That was Dodie Smith's house." She had died six months before. "What happened to her last dalmatian?" 1 asked. I was told that Charley had died of a broken heart.

A few months later Julian Barnes rang. The hall of his house was now cluttered with Dodie's papers, to be shipped to Boston University. Carmen Callil, Julian said, wanted to publish a biography. She told me: "Read I Capture the Castle, then you'll do it."

She was right. I was captivated like so many others from page two, where Rose, the sisters who live in penury in a Suffolk castle, says she will go on the streets if necessary, to make some money, and Cassandra retorts briskly that she can't very well go on the streets in the depths of Suffolk. It was sharp and witty and full



Dodie Smith and Charley, her last dog: nagged by her lost fame, she wrote The Hundred and One Dalmatians in a state of furious resentment

of bizarre characters — and I knew that Dodie herself would be an interesting character.

I did not realise how interesting. After reading all her books and meeting her surviving friends, I got to snow-bound Boston in February 1994. Her diaries, which ran to millions of words, revealed that the lover she had called "Oliver" in her published memoirs was in fact Sir Ambrose Heal, the Terence Conran of his day. He already had a wife and a rather grand mistress, Lady Maufe, but Dodie told him shamelessly she would be content with "crumbs from a rich man's table". The character of "a young girl poised between childhood and adultery" resurfaced again and again in her novels.

There was also the fagfriends were almost all gay: Isherwood, John van Druten, Noel and Binkie etc. She preferred her menfolk untrammelled by wives and children - she never wanted children herself. Isberwood regarded her as one of the few people he could discuss his work with. When she came home from her long exile in America, she became fascinated by Julian Barnes, who arrived in 1969 at her cottage aged 22, a friend of her husband's half-sister Laurien: hence his literary executor-

everal reviewers have remarked on what an unsympathetic crea ture Dodie was selfish, egotistical, nagged by her lost fame and success when plays like Dear Octopus were superseded by angry young playwrights. But for a biographer this was a rich vein. It was in a state of furious resentment that she wrote The Hundred and One Dalmatians in 1956. When Disney bought it for his cartoon film, one of the most successful and money-spinning ever, it kept her going financially for years. And Pongo and Cruella de Vil have joined the immortals of children's literature.

There are two cheering postscripts to my story of a story-

The first was that the mo-ment I finished the book, I accovired a dalmatian puppy whom we named Beezle (Dodie's married name was Beesley) who happens to be the best-looking, best-natured dog in the world.



an Oscar? Nicolas Cages performance in Leaving Las Vegas is reviewed by Geoff Brown

The other postscript is cinematographic. When the original Disney dalmatians cartoon came out in 1961. Dodie wrote to Walt, peevishly complaining about the smallness of her credit at the end. "If you write me another of your cute little stories," Disney wrote back, "I will see that your credit is plenty large." Dodie at once sent him ICapture the Castle - it had been optioned many times since its publication in 1949 -

which Disney snapped up for

\$50,000 as a vehicle for

Hayley Mills. But although

screenplays were written,

the film was never made. At last, while I was writing the book, Dodie's estate managed to exchange the rights to / Capture the Castle for Disney's right to remake 101

hen I heard this, last February, I wrote to the film director Mike Newell, who was in Hollywood because of Four Weddings and a Funeral's Oscar nominations. I picked Newell because he had used my drawing-room to shoot a scene of a previous succés fou of his, Enchanted April. I thought he dealt beautifully with Elizabeth von Arnim's exquisite novel about four women who leave dreary London for an Italian palazzo, and I thought he might work a similar translation to the screen for Dodie's oddly beguiling little

Last week I heard the thrilling news that Mark Shivas has secured I Capture the Castle as a feature film for BBC Films, and Mike Newell is indeed going to direct it. I wonder who will play the 17year-old Cassandra? A terrific role for some budding mega-

star. (In 1954, when it had a brief run as a play at the Aldwych Theatre, Cassandra was played by Virginia Mc-Kenna, who won plaudits even from hard-hearted critics like

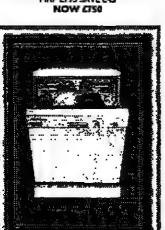
Ken Tynan.) We shall see. It is certainly going to be a very good year for Dodie Smith — her centenary year. And she would have loved seeing I Capture the Castle on screen at last.

published this week by Chatto & Windus at £30. There is a Kaleidoscope Special on Deutte Smith on Radio 4. Saturday.

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Profits at 1 Stanley Leisure feel heat

By Alasdair Murray

THE BOOKMAKER'S nightmare — the favourite romping home every time hit profits hard at the Stanley Leisure Organisation, the betting and casino group, which yesterday revealed a 25 per cent fall in its half-year profits to £6.1 million.

The company blamed the hot summer for hard racing surfaces, which favoured heavily backed horses and for keeping people away from betting shops. Profits in the racing division halved to £2.8 million on a turnover up 5 per cent to £145 million.

Stanley Leisure added that Sunday opening had not pro-vided sufficient extra betting-shop revenue to justify the extra cost, and it criticised the evening racing programme for being spread over too many days. Like-for-like turnover de-

clined with the company blaming lottery scratch cards for removing profitable turn-over at the lower end of the

The casino division, however, bucked the downward trend, increasing profits by 23 per cent to £4.6 million and turnover by 20 per cent to £18.9 million.

Leonard Steinberg, chairman of Stanley Leisure, said: "The first half coincided with the worst six months in racing which I can recall in my many years in the industry. But despite losing all of the Christmas week racing we consider

that the worst is now over." The City was disappointed with the performance and shares fell back 12p to 341p. But the interim dividend was maintained at 2p with the company expressing confi-

dence about the future. Stanley Leisure said that two new games had been introduced this year, with casino stud poker proving a great success although super pan nine has since been

Mr Steinberg also reiterated the gaming industry's plea for government action to ensure a level playing field in the wake of the introduction

of the National Lottery.

Mr Steinberg described recent reforms, including a reduction in the betting levy, as welcome but insufficient. The dividend will be paid on February 23.



Chipping in: Mike Kershaw, left, chief executive of Stanley Leisure, and Graham Gibson, managing director, at the company's Liverpool casino

Small firms still wary in spite of better links with banks

By Patricia Tehan, banking correspondent

THE overall relationship between banks and small businesses has improved dramatically since the hostilities at the beginning of the 1990s, but there is some way to go, according to Howard Davies. Deputy Governor of the Bank of England.

In a speech to be given at the Manchester Merchant and International Bankers' Association last night. Mr Davies said there were "some continuing difficulties, which make

it hard to say with confidence that, as a nation, we are getting the most out of the entrepreneurship evident in our small firms".

The Bank yesterday published its annual report on Finance for Small Firms. which showed, said Mr Davies, that in terms of the provision of finance for growth "there is both light and shade, though the picture is brighter than before." Figures from the British

Bankers' Association showed that £35.91 billion of bank finance was outstanding to small firms in June last year. confirming that banks remain

The lending figure was 0.8 per cent lower than the previous year, but the Bank report said this "does not necessarily imply a reluctance on behalf of the banks to lend, simply that small firms remain wary of committing themselves to debt

important as the main source

until they are more confident of the recovery".

The report showed that many firms are content to reduce existing overdrafts and "only to invest when the majority of costs can be met from internal funds". It also showed that banks had worked hard to encourage the use of fixed-term loans for

longer-term purposes.
The Bank found that competition had pushed lending margins down, but that the

average bank lending margin remained at between 3 per cent and 4 per cent over base rate. It also found "significant differences between average margins charged by the main clearing banks, reflecting to some extent different earnings aspirations from this market".

There was a fall in bank charges last year. But the report said that "high charges are still a source of small business complaints". Mr Davies said small firms

are no longer as "excessively reliant on variable rate overdrafts which left them vulnerable to the economic downturn of the early 1990s". This year, the Bank plans to focus on initiatives to improve financial and management skills, on encouraging increased use of equity finance by growth-oriented small

firms and on monitoring the effectiveness of the govern-ment support scheme, Business Links, in meeting the requirements of small businesses for information and

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Accountants receive lower salary awards

ACCOUNTANTS are commanding pay rises of between 2 per cent and 4 per cent — largely in line with inflation compared with close to 6 per cent in the second half of 1994. Trainees and newly qualified accountants saw average rises of 3 per cent in the second half of 1995. according to a survey by Hays Accountancy Personnel. The exception are specialists such as senior tax managers, who have seen increases of 7.5 per cent.

Finance salaries are not putting pressure on inflation as the rate of increase averages 3.55 per cent. lower than the 5.9 per cent increases seen in the second half of 1994. A management accountant in northern England can expect to earn between £20,000 and £30,000, compared with £30,000 and £40,000 for a similar post in central London. KPMG, Britain's biggest auditor. is poised to disclose the earnings of its partners for the first time. The figures are due by the end of the month.

UK Land advances

UK LAND, the property investment company, lifted pre-tax profits to £590,000 from £353,000 in the six months to the end of September. Earnings per share rose from 4.5p to 6.1p. The company does not pay an interim dividend. The results incorporated six weeks' income and expenses from the Minerva House office development in Nottingham, which was bought in August of last year for £1.5 million. The company said the Elephant & Castle Shopping Centre in South London continues to perform well, with gross income that is running at £2.45 million a

Irish Continental up

PROFITS at Irish Continental Group, the Dublin ferries and port services company, rose to lr£11.03 million (lr£9.32 million) in the year to October 31. With turnover almost unchanged at lr£116.4 million (lr£116.8 million), the increase reflects a reduction in operating costs and a IrEl.1 million credit from asset sales (IrE449,000). Earnings were Ir42.7p. up from Ir40.2p. The total dividend is lifted to Ir4.5p a share from tr3.6p, with a final 1r3p due March 29. The company reported a 2.3 per cent rise in the number of passengers on the UK to Ireland ferry routes to 1.12 million, with a firm second half compensating for disruption in the first half.

Nobo maintains payout

NOBO GROUP, the supplier of visual displays, is maintaining the interim dividend at 2.20p a share after suffering a decline in pre-tax profits to £880,000 from £1 million in the half-year to October 31. Turnover advanced to £23.5 million from £15.3 million, reflecting a contribution from acquisitions, but operating profits were little changed at £1.27 million (£1.25 million). Interest charges rose to £385,000 from £220,000. Earnings fell to 4.01p a share from 5.79p. The shares rose 3p to 129p. Roger Colvin, chief executive, said optimism for the future was tempered by "the varying weaknesses of the European economies".

Dudley Jenkins ahead

DUDLEY JENKINS GROUP, the supplier of products and services to the direct mail industry, said it had made a strong start to the second half, enjoying strong demand for its databases. The company lifted profits to £565,000 before tax from £512,000 in the six months to the end of October on turnover that increased to £9.12 million from E7.17 million. Earnings rose to 3p a share from 2.85p. The interim dividend is increased to 1.155p a share from lp. payable on April 10. The shares were unchanged at 99p.

of 1994. About half of PMS's sales are exported, mainly to the Far East and Europe.

BY PHILLP PANGALOS

FAIREY GROUP, the industrial electronics and specialist engineering company. is expanding in America with the acquisition of Particle Measuring Systems Inc. for a total of \$75 million.

PMS, based in Boulder, Colorado, makes instruments for microcontamination particle detection, mainly used in the semiconductor industry, but also for kets. PMS, which has 250 employees, expects

its operating profits in 1995 to be at least \$8.5 million, on sales of about \$39 million. It had not assets of \$10.4 million at the end

Fairey conducting US expansion

The purchase will be financed through the issue of 893,160 ordinary shares and a vendor placing of seven million Fairey shares, underwritten by Cazenove, at 525p a share, as well as from existing

Fairey expects the acquisition to be earnings enhancing. Assuming continuing satisfactory trading. Fairey expects to recommend a final dividend of at least

5.45p.

John Poulter, chief executive, expects
the group to benefit by building on PMS's strong position in the growing semicon-ductor market. He added: "PMS is an excellent addition to Fairey's electronics

Fairey shares advanced 20p to 566p.

Time to take fraud seriously

Tony Bingham on the need to go

deep into the British psyche to

combat a genuine business menace

raud is a big problem that threatens every company in the UK and the wider public. The Audit Faculty of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales believes that more concerted action is needed if real progress is to be

made controlling this menace. Last week, the faculty issued a discussion paper. Taking Fraud Seriously, and held a conference attended by those in the front line against fraud. including Government, business, regulators, lawyers, accountants and auditors.

The strong message from the conference was that more can and should be done to deter fraudsters and to catch. prosecute and punish them if they offend. While the law and regulations can be improved and strengthened in certain areas, rules and process are not enough. If the problem is to be tackled seriously, there has to be a more robust attitude towards fraud in British business life.

Directors must establish and maintain an anti-fraud culture in their organisations. communicating to management, employees and third parties that dishonesty and

Where watching

THE English ICA has a

revolutionary in its basement.

Deep beneath its Moorgate

Place headquarters is a restau-

rant named after Pru Leith.

Speaking at a recent event

organised by recruitment con-

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A well-publicised anti-fraud policy should be supported by risk assessment and control measures in the risk areas. The board should provide secure reporting channels for employees and others to voice their concerns about suspected fraud. It should also make clear how cases of suspected fraud are investigated and how perpetrators are dealt with. One element is essential:

every employee has to understand that the anti-fraud culture applies equally at all levels. Directors and senior managers must be, and seen to be, subject to the same code as

Taking Fraud Seriously recommends a Code of Business Practice on dealing with fraud. including what should be reported to the authorities, and the audit faculty intends to consult business organisations to take this forward.

The Government also needs to play its part. The Treasury sponsors the Financial Fraud Information Network, but the scope of its activity and the use made of its information could be widened to include more than just government bodies

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ble pie" to appear on the menu

AT LAST week's English ICA fraud conference, Mark Shel-

don of Linklaters & Paines

quoted Jude remarks about



Tony Bingham wants to see an anti-fraud culture

Stock Exchange. Effective fraud prevention and detection will only start to happen when there is a more co-ordinated approach to sharing information and designing effective measures. Taking Fraud Seriously recommends

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

corporate governance that

Lord Young of Graffham had

made at a conference. "We

have to take this seriously,"

said Sheldon, "because Lord

Young is a prescient man. We

know this because at the same

conference he also said, 'If I do

not succeed with my col-

leagues, the institutions will

not waste much time in send-

ing the men in grey suits to tell

me I should spend more time

with my family"."
A jubilant Sheldon conclud-

and regulators such as the that the Government should establish an independent standing body - the Fraud Advisory Panel - which would have the task of increasing awareness of the problem and advising on counter

The Law Commission is

ed: "One month later, they

BRAND names seem to have

lost their value. Once, firms

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represent. But this week they

let one of their own go for free,

and ahead of time - the name

Deloitte. As from last Mon-

day, Touche Ross has become

Brand of gold

dishonesty. There is a strong case for change and consolidation of civil and criminal law on fraud to make it more understandable and effective.

Specific legal changes would make prosecution easier and deter fraudsters. For instance, strengthening the law against knowingly misleading an auditor by extending section 389A of the Companies Act 1985 to cover anyone within the company rather than just a company "officer", and increasing the maximum custodial sentence from two to five years.

Clearly auditors have a key role. The training and education of auditors has to be enhanced to ensure that they have the skills to meet their anti-fraud duties. But the auditor's attitude of challenge and scepticism is the key.

The audit faculty is con-

vinced that the robustness of the external audit function must be maintained and enhanced. The conference helped to articulate auditors' determination to joining with others to achieve a step-change in reducing the effects of fraud. Taking Fraud Seriously is available from the Audit Faculty, ICAEW, PO Box 433, Chartered Accountants Hall, Moorgate Place. London ECZP ZBJ.

Tony Bingham is a partner in Coopers & Lybrand and chairman of the technical and practical auditing committee of the Audit

Deloitte & Touche. "No money crossed the table," said a

Junk TV

THE BBC children's programme, Blue Peter, aims to raise more than £500,000 for its "Paperchain" appeal by collecting 5,000 tonnes of high-grade household junk mail and other waste paper. Why am I telling you this? Simple. The charity accounting ex-perts at Moores Rowland are monitoring the volume of waste collected. Presumably, no one has raided the partners' out-trays.

Should auditors blow the whistle?

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EVEN the Queen knows about the expecation gap that auditors have created. According to Roger Davis, head of audit at Coopers & Lybrand, he found himself at an event organised by a charity for which Coopers did the audit. Introduced to the charity's patron, Her Majesty, he was asked what he did. "I am the auditor," he said. "Ah," said Her Majesty. "you find the frands."

If you are an auditor, the normal response to this is a frenzied retreat into arcane legal arguments about duties, culminating in a denial that auditors have any responsibility for detecting fraud. Being an urbane soul, Mr Davis did not, apparently, burden Her Majesty with such arguments - he doesn't believe in them anyway — but it is a fine example of just how far from public opinion the auditing profession's view has strayed.

Mr Davis's revelations came at the fraud conference organised last week by the Audit Faculty of the Institute of Chartered Accountants. This followed the publication by the

faculty of a series of proposals to limit fraud. It is a difficult topic. Auditors traditionally arrive at such debates with one arm tied behind their backs. They know that measures such as reporting on the effective-ness of internal controls would improve the detection of fraud. But they also know that lawyers stand in their

Mr Davis revealed that Coopers' letter of engagement covering the issue of the Cadbury Code alone entailed eight pages of close-ly typed legal jargon, which its lawyers insisted it has to produce.

BRUCE He then argued that "auditors must be much more prepared to put their names to assurances of good corporate governance". But he added that this could not currently be so because they were "scared stiff of litigation".

Mr Davis argued passionately, but it is hard to avoid the view that much of this reluctance is as much to do with auditors living in a world of their own as any real aversion to putting their thumb print on a document Later in the day, Kuldip Singh, QC, warned that "it is very important that any proposal for reform from the profession is not seen as special pleading merely for the benefit of members of the profession".

Adding his voice, Mark Sheldon, former senior partner at Linklaters & Paines and a member of the original Cadbury committee,

argued furiously that corporate governance reform had to be kept up. He also downplayed the threat of lawyers getting too caught up in the arguments over reporting on

the effectiveness of internal control. "Although most solicitors would disagree," he said, "I believe that a carefully worded opinion on effectiveness will be unlikely to add significantly to the liabilities of directors who have taken appropriate steps in this area and may serve to limit any over-optimistic implications as to directors' responsibilities that might otherwise exist." Most finance directors who understand what is at stake would agree with him.

Amidst this morass of squabbling lawyers and accountants, it is hard to remember that what is being argued over is a system which would have probably saved Barings Bank from itself. The fact that some directors dislike the idea of telling shareholders whether international controls are good enough and that some auditors would prefer

not to express an opinion should not be allowed to get in the way. It was precisely such flabby dithering which allowed Barings to get itself into its disastrous position in the first place.

On another measure, there is much more agreement. This is the idea that Section 389A of the Companies Act 1985 should be strengthened. This is the measure which allows "officers of the company" to be prosecuted should they be found to have deceived the auditor.

Reform of this section is not a new idea. It was mooted immediately after the Polly Peck revelations. But it is ever more urgent.

Fraud trials are impossibly difficult lt is notoriously difficult to get a satisfactory result. None of us is likely to be as sure of what is right and what is wrong after months of lawyers demonstrating tangled webs of inter-connecting companies.

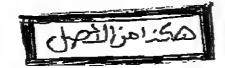
Journalists have trouble in such circumstances in sticking to the first principle of "follow the money". Juries can be baffled.

Strengthening Section 389A solves all that.

Proving that someone has deceived the auditor involves little more than two sheets of paper and a half-hour explanation. At present, no one bothers to prosecute because the maximum sentence of two years is not thought to be tough enough. Simple, says the audit faculty, increase it to five years and get on with some speedy prosecutions.

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Stansted's main terminal has been open for five years, writes Harvey Elliott. But the airport has yet to attract the transatlantic airlines

The fastest-growing airport in Britain

hen the planners and the pundits of the early 1980s were asked to nagine how Stansted airport would have developed by 1996. they were of one accord.

It would be a sleek, easy and efficient airport handling mainly long-haul international flights. These would be matched by dozens of short haul international charter flights as package tour operators switched from Gatwick to the Essex base, where parking was easier and cheaper

BAA, its owner and operator, listened and designed a new terminal to match. Outbound and inbound passengers were separated so that techniques for dealing with large numbers of international flights could be installed.

No one gave much thought to domestic passengers. Yet today, five years after the opening of the bright and airy terminal, designed by Sir Norman Foster, it is the domestic network which is making Stansted the fastest-growing airport in Britain.

In 1995, Stansted handled 3.89 million passengers, an increase of 19.4 per cent on the previous year. For the 12 months to the end of January. there will have been well over 4 million passengers, including 750,000 using British or Irish flights, double the number for last year.

The growth has been so great that BAA is appealing to Parliament to allow the airport to grow so that it can handle 15 million a year. almost double its existing permitted limit of 8 million.

Terry Morgan, Stansted's managing director, says: "The big demand has been for domestic passengers, who are now having to use terminals which were not designed for them. If we can get the increase in overall capacity, we would have the confidence to spend up to £100 million in building a domestic terminal."

This is music to the ears of both Air UK and Ryanair, airlines which have made Stansted their home airport.

Air UK, for example, serves 20 destinations from Stansted, including 14 key European cities and each of the major cities in the UK's own domestic network. Its routes to and from Stansted were the fastest-



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by the Government. This

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however, still around the corgrowing, rising to 1.4 million ner, although some believe it could come if Heathrow's propassengers in 1995 — 24 per posed terminal five is rejected

cent up on the previous year. Ryanair carried 988,000 passengers through Stansted in 1995 on its 11-strong fleet of Boeing 737s. It is now drawing up plans to operate from unsted to the bigger cities on the Continent and to increase its UK domestic routes.

rivately, Stansted officials admit that they have been disappointed that the big long-haul airlines have not been able to make a financial success of the airport. Several have tried. Mr Morgan says: "Realistically, we have to accept that United, American and most of the other big transatlantic carriers have their eyes on Heathrow. Our priority now must be to attract a big European carrier and to develop, the routes from Stansted. Then, when a large carrier decides to come in, it will find a network of connecting flights ready and waiting.

El Al operates to New York from Tel Aviv via Stansted and apparently finds the market both vibrant and profitable. Others, it is hoped, will follow. especially new carriers from

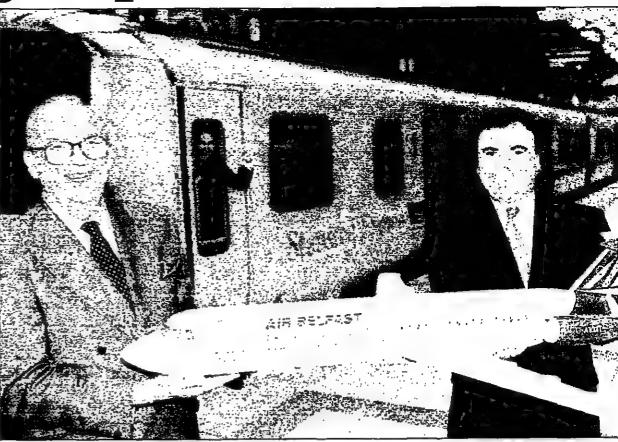
Eastern Europe. The real breakthrough is,

the current financial year it is likely to lose £10 million. Officials believe that the airport will be making a profit vithin 18 months.

The charges for airlines to land and park led rival air-ports to challenge Stansted's policies in the courts, claiming that it was being unfairly subsidised by its parent group. We have to try to balance between the need to attract airlines to Stansted and the need to charge fees which will bring us to profit as soon as possible," Mr Morgan says. Even if we were not part of the BAA group, we would still do the same as we are today."
That Stansted is now grow-

ing faster than any other major commercial airport in Britain cannot be in doubt. It is particularly attractive to charter airlines passengers and its fast train link to Liverpool Street station makes it a natural centre for domestic

What Stansted needs is a giant airline to move in and turn it into a great international airport. A scheduled European "flag-carrier" would be a start. To judge by the pace of development in the airport, that could happen at any time.



Terry Morgan, right, MD of Stansted, and Brian Beal, of Air Belfast, celebrate the improved domestic air links

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The American dream comes true

l Al, the Israeli carrier, has just con-firmed that it will continue with its transatlantic service this summer from Stansted to Newark airport, New York. The route was launched last October and early indications are that it will be a success.

The decision is a great hoost for Stansted because the New Jersey airport provides its only transatlantic link, something the airport has needed to maintain its credibility as London's third airport.

Hopes were initially high in the early 1990s that Stansted would relieve pressure on Heathrow and Gatwick takeoff and landing "slots" by offering a number of transatfantic services. But American Airlines, which started a Stansted to Chicago service in 1992, was forced to pull out a vear later after demand from business travellers proved disappointing. Since then, expecEl Al has made the vital US

link, David

Churchill says

another leading carrier, such as Delta or TWA, would move to Stansted and provide a New York service. But these hopes have been dashed by the stagnating UK-US bilateral talks regulating flights be-tween the two countries. American carriers are reluctant to use Stansted when the possibility of gaining far more lucrative Heathrow slots re-

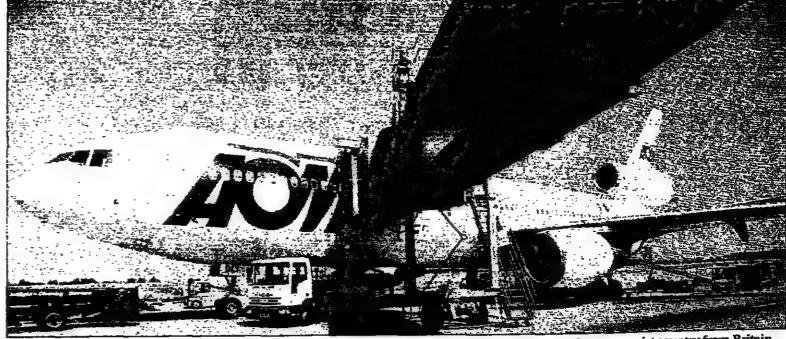
mains open.
Another American carrier, Tower Air, had been keen to divert its India-Amsterdam-New York route via Stansted, thus creating a new service. But because this would require Tower Air to gain British

permission for flying the India leg of the journey. Tower Air is against applying for the route

Terry Morgan, Stansted airport's managing director, be-lieves that it is better to have a firm agreement with American carriers before starting a new service. He says: "We don't want the legacy of the American Airlines experience. where carriers come in and pull out again. That is too unstable a situation."

The El Al service, however is not covered by the US bilateral talks, so it is a bonus for Stansted. The thrice-weekly service, using Boeing 757s and sometimes Boeing 747s, is also one of the cheapest ways of getting to New York. The present economy return fare is £167, plus £26 tax, although the business-class fares are comparable with those

charged by other airlines. The service also has another



A Cubana jet at Stansted ready for the weekly run to Cuba. This is the only scheduled airline service to the communist country from Britain

additionally provides a route, albeit roundabout, to Tel Aviv as the plane continues its journey from New York to the Israeli capital.

Attracting a big transatlan-tic carrier is difficult, so Mr Morgan is concentrating on gaining more European routes for Stansted. Starting in April, for example, is a nev

Prague operated by Czech Airlines, which already has flights from Heathrow and Gatwick - "another example of how European airlines are recognising the value of a Stansted service as well." says Mr Morgan.

Stansted operates scheduled services to 41 destinations, and carriers ranging from Aeroflot (twice-weekly to St Petersburg in Russia) to the Romanian airline Tarom (to Bucharest once a week). In all, 14 airlines run scheduled services from Stansted, including the fran-chise service British Airways Express, flying to Manchester and Waterford in Ireland.

Most intriguing is probably weekly service to Cuba the only scheduled service

from Britain to the communist state - operated by Cubana. clude Air Exel, Aviaco, Finnair, Luxair and Proteus. More than 600,000 passen-

gers - about 15 per cent of the domestic scheduled services, more than half on business trips. But only just over a quarter of those on interbusiness; the rest are tra-velling on leisure.

Stansted's charter tions - in the minority for most of the year, but which come into their own during the summer months — also offer a wide range of holiday destinations, mainly to Europe's sun spots. There are hopes for

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Ryanair now carries more than a million passengers a year between Dublin and Stansted

Ulster peace brings a tourist dividend

the Northern Ireland ceaselire, which has had the impact of creating an additional peace dividend for Stansted airport, instead of handling small numbers of passengers travelling between Stansted and Belfast, is now carrying more than 250,000

The improved flow along this air corridor to Northern Ireland has been one of the most significant developments at both airports during the past

months. A year ago there was just one daily turboprop aircraft leaving at lunchtime for Belfast; now there are eight jet aircraft making the trip every day, operated by Air Belfast and Jersey European. Tourist arrivals from Ulster have increased by 40 per cent over the

past year. The Essex airport is also now one of the key gateways for the Republic of freland, serviced by Ryanair, the second-biggest oper-ator from Stansted. The airline carries more than a million passengers a year be-tween Dublin and Stansted. In October the airservice between Stansted and Glasgow's Prestwick airport. Ryanair's success at Stan-

sted has been based on a lowcost strategy, emulating the success of no-frills carriers in some part of the US. More than three-quarters of its traffic to and from Dublin is at fares of up to £59; the highest fare is £99. This contrasts with full fares on other up to £249.

Tim Jeans, Ryanair's UK chief executive, says: "Our top

ness travellers tired of paying £100 more than we charged for the privilege of a hot breakfast." Ryanair has carried more than 30,000 passengers between Glasgow and London since the new route started: 560 seats a day are available at a lare of £29 one-way. All extra

enormous interest from busi-

selling point has been the offer of free rail travel until March in Scotland, as,

part of their journey.
Air UK, the largest airline using Stansted, flies to 20 destinations in both the UK and Europe and accounts for some 40 per cent of all passengers using the airport.
Air UK introduced services to Zurich and Madrid, helping to increase passenger numbers by 24 per cent. Extra flights planned to popu-lar destinations. Air UK is also now the largest

ing Amsterdam's Schipol airport, home KLM, which owns 45 per cent of the airline. Tony Masurier, the sales and market-

foreign airline us-

ing director for Air UK, believes Boarding with a double bass at the Air UK desk that it can compete with British Airways and British

He says: "Our growth shows that the British public is increasingly following the American lead and treating short-haul domestic and European flights almost routinely." Mr Le Masurier also confirms that Air UK has no plans to change its one-class service. "We have found no pressing demand for a business class cabin", he says. The Sterling Service provides hot or cold meals depending on the flight time, and complimentary drinks and newspapers. But 26,000 frequent fliers with Air UK qualify for an Executive Card, which gives access to lounges, a telephone check-in service and a pre-flight choice of seat. Card-holders are also given membership of KLM's Flying Dutchman frequentflier programme.

DAVID CHURCHILL

Ideas handled with care **Tony Dawe**

reports on the airport's future

mproving links with the local community has become a top priority for managers at Stansted as they plan to expand the airport. A glossy four-page information bulletin, Stansted Forum, is delivered regularly to surbusinesses. An opinion poll was commissioned from MORI, and fines imposed on airlines for breaching noise limits are given to local

The survey found that air-craft noise is of the greatest concern and likely to remain so as the airport seeks permission to raise its limit of 78,000 aircraft movements a year. Terry Morgan, Stansted's managing director, insists the airport is to reach its initial target of handling eight million passengers a year by 2000 and 15 million by 2007.

Mr Morgan takes heart from the survey's findings that most residents view Stansted positively for its ad-vantages to the local economy. But he says he and his staff are working to see whether noisier planes can be phased out. "We are not seeking approval for extra flights just for the sake of it," says Tony Astor. Stansted's cargo manager. "It will help us to achieve our aim of establishing Stansted as an interna-tional airport in its own right, with scheduled services as the backbone of the business vital if air links for London as

a whole are to be maintained." Stansted attracts increasing numbers of passengers from North London. And the improved M25 river crossing at Dartford now woos them in north Kent. Better links between the MII. Al and MI also make the airport more

ocal environment groups are concerned at dits continued expansion. They have seen Stansted develop as London's third airport, although it was not considered an option by the commission, headed by Lord Roskill, which investigated the best site for an additional airport to Heathrow and Gatwick in the early 1970s. Its role was finally confirmed by a public inquiry in 1985. Their worst fear is that Stansted will get a second runway, which would blight parts of Essex. Mr Astor insists their fears are groundless.

"The existing runway," he says. "will handle at least 35 million passengers a year and we are talking of expanding to 15 million at the moment."

The airport management is also keen to reassure residents about pollutants, including hydrocarbons, carbon monoxides and uitrogen oxides, emitted by vehicles, power plants and jets. Officials monitored air quality at 40 sites on and around the airport and found that the highest pollution levels were caused by road - not air - traffic.



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scenes of the

cargo carriers loth from Turkey, bia, grapes from South Africa and racehorses returning from Jordan are just some of the

goods which arrive regularly

at Stansted airport and have helped to turn it into Britain's

third-busiest cargo airport. They are carried aboard 200 weekly flights operated by a variety of aircraft, from old four-engined turbo-prop Lockheed Electras to McDonnell Douglas's latest twinengined long-haul MD 11s. A regular sight at Stansted are the giant Russian Antonov 124 freighters, which can carry 150-tonne loads and are the only aircraft big enough to transport the engines for the

new Boeing 777s. Operated by Heavy Lift Cargo Airlines, the Antonovs might arrive with vast pieces of engineering equipment but they often leave with gentler loads intended to alleviate suffering in countries ravaged

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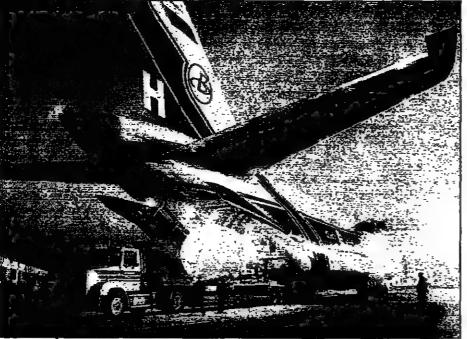
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In the run-up to Christmas, they were working for a charity which collected gifts and practical items in shoeboxes to be taken, 100,000 of them at a time, to Bosnia and Rwanda

The staple fare of Stansted's world cargo centre, however, is mail and express parcels. Every night, more than a dozen flights, operated by airlines like Channel Express. head for Belfast, Edinburgh, Newcastle and other airports north and west with the mail.

They are followed by services to major European cities operated by TNT Express Worldwide, which uses Stansted as a collecting point for its European fast parcels service, and by flights to France, Germany and the United States, operated by Federal Express.

"The expansion of the FedEx operation and the arrival of TNT from Luton are largely responsible for the astonishing growth in our cargo traffic over the last couple of years," says Tony Astor, Stansted's cargo



Lift-off: an engine for a Boeing 777 is loaded aboard a 124 Antonov freighter

toms procedures and docu-

The facilities and space at

Stansted encourage outside shippers to use it. Last week, a

consignment of classic cars,

including Rolls-Royces and

Ferraris, was awaiting collec-tion in the Servisair shed,

matically.

starting soon are a weekly Royal Jordanian Airlines flight to Amman and a twiceweekly service to Tel Aviv operating with a British Air-

ways flight number. Unlike Heathrow, which handles the largest amount of air cargo in Britain with most of it travelling in the holds of ssenger aircraft, almost all Stansted's cargo travels in freighters. The cargo centre can accommodate up to six jumbo freighters at any one time and provides 15,000 square metres of warehouses to store the goods.

oth TNT and Federal Express have their own transit sheds while two more are run by Servisair and GHI, the Stansted offshoot of Gatwick Handling, which between them look after dozens of

Stansted is also linked to Cargo Community System UK, the computer-based Customs dearance and documentation system which serves all three London airports and is used by hundreds of forwarding agents throughout the

The system enables agents to track cargo consignments through every stage of their lourney, from point of origin to final destination, with CusHigh street shopping

at your local airport

assengers waiting in the Stansted can while away the time with their own minilottery at the Pearl House kiosk. For £9.99 they can buy an oyster which is guaranteed to contain a pearl. David Churchill writes. It could be worth £10 or maybe £78, depending on the size of the pearl. The pearls can be immediately mounted on a brooch or a necklace. This is a novel addition to the growing range of retail shops, coffee shops and restaurants available to travellers on both sides

of passport control. Clive Cranwell, retail operations manager, says: "We are well on our way to establishing a top retail centre here." His enthusiasm is not surprising since the airport receives just under half its total revenue from retailing outlets. Those using Stansted spend more per head than at Heathrow, Gatwick or any other

States. "They gave us some-

cargo co-ordinator. "But there

was no way we could have stored them before Christmas;

the shed was full of hundreds

of tonnes of grapes, other

Cracknell, Servisair's

airport operated by BAA. Local people and airport staff can also make use of seven shops in the check-in



Buying magazines and books - an important part of Stansted's check-in area

added which will to enable free shop. Malt whisky, gin arrivals passengers to stock up and vodka sell at up to 50 per

The restaurant in the depar-ture lounge is being redevel-oped and there are ideas for a pub and an additional coffee shop there.

The biggest change has been a £250,000 revamp of the duty cent off manufacturer's recommended prices, with perfumes up to 30 per cent cheaper. The Historical Research Centre provides waiting passengers with the chance to buy a computer-generated coat of arms which can be framed on the

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Automatic directions timetable prevails over that in form

Darby v Ginsters Cornish Pasties

Before Sir Thomas Bingham, Lord Justice Waite and Lord Justice Onon Dudgment December 181

The timetable for the operation of the automatic directions prescribed by Order 17, rule II of the County Court Rules (SI 1981 No 1687 (L20)), as substituted by rule 14 of the County Court (Amendment No 3) Rules (SI 1990 No 1764 (L17)) prevailed over any different timetable indicated on Form N450 by the county court when acting in its administrative capacity and sending

that form to the parties.

Where, however, a plaintiff had been misled by reliance on the timetable indicated on the form and in conequence had not requested a hearing date within the period specified by the rules as he would otherwise have done so that his action had been automati-cally struck out under Order 17, rule to his application for reinstatement without requiring him to satisfy the exacting conditions specified in the having failed to comply with a date prescribed by the rules, was at mercy.

situation where a plaintiff, The Court of Appeal so held:

Susan Williams, from Judge Michael Burr, at Cardiff County Court, who had held that her action claiming damages for personal injuries against Globe Coaches and Peter Evans had been automatically struck out under Order 17. rule 11(9) on June 5, 1994 and should not

(ii) allowing an appeal by the plaintiff, Julia Darby, from Judge Wigmore, at Plymouth County Court, who had affirmed an order of the district judge declaring that her action claiming damages for personal injuries against Ginsters Cornish Pasties Ltd had been automatically struck out under Order 17. rule 11(9) on September 6, 1994 and that her request made by letter of September 22, 1994, for a hearing date was out of time and had dismissed her application for an extension of time for setting down

First action: Mr Edwin Glasgow, QC and Mr Ian Bullock for the plaintiff: Mr James Bell for the defend Second action: Mr Edwin Glasgow. OC and Mr Adam Chippindall for the plaintiff: Mr John Royce, QC and Mr Richard Stead for the defendants.

THE MASTER OF THE ROLLS said that under Order 17, rule 11(3) the automatic timetable ran from the date on which pleadings were deemed to be closed. That date, defined in rule 11(11), where a counterclaim was served with the delence. 38 days after delivery of the

That date, the trigger date, was of fundamental importance since it triggered the operation of the timetable. If no request was made to the proper officer to fix a hearing day within 15 months of the trigger date, the action was to be automatically struck out under rule 11(9). The 15-month date, the date, in the absence of any other order by the court, was the date on

His Lordship referred to County Court Form N450 (see The County Court Practice 1995 p2014) entitled "Notice that automatic directions apply" which was sent by the county court to the parties after delivery of the defence and gave guidance on the steps to be complied with under the automatic

In particular, the form provided for the insertion of a date and stated that the automatic directions timetable began 14 days after the date so inserted or 28 days after if a counterclaim was filed with the defence.

The form had been approved by the Lord Chancellor or his department, but was not prescribed since no county court rule required such a notice to be served nor specified its contents. plain: to alert recipients to the timetable. to remind them of the effect of Order 17, rule 1), to encourage compliance with the automatic directions regime and to alert them to the sanction if no hearing date was requested within the time limit. The form was sent routinely from county courts to litigants without any

cases the sending of the form did not jurisdiction by a judge or a district judge. It was merely an administrative act. In each case here there was a clear finding by the judge that the form had been despatched in that way.

Accordingly there could not be said to be any giving of directions by the court under Order 17, rule 11(2)(b) or any different directions or orders under rule

His Lordship referred to the first case. in which proceedings had been issued in Reading County Court in January 1993. After delivery of the defences the

court, on February 19, issued Form N450, inverting that date and giving the impression that the trigger date was 14 days thereafter, and June 5, 1994 the iotine date. After the proceedings were trues-ferred to Cardiff County Court that court on October 6 issued a further Form

N450 specifying that date. Under that

after the guillotine date calculated by reference to the first Form N450 but before that calculated by reference to the second form, the defendants took the point that the action had been auton czily struck out.

On the plaintiffs application for ation that the action had not been struck out, alternatively for its reinstate ment, the judge accepted the evidence of the legal executive who handled the matter that she had relied on the dmenable to be derived from the second form and had accordingly been misled. The questions therefore were:

(i) When, under the rules, was the (i) Wrien, unand the formation automatically struck out?
(2) If it had been struck out before the second quillotine date, on what terms if

second guilloithe date, on what terms if any should it be reinstated?

The answer his Lordship would give to question (1) was that where the sending out of the form involved an exercise of judicial discretion at all it could not vary the mandatory effect of the rule. Order 17, rule 11, as was clear, set our a timetable with a dracontant of the resistance of the resistan sanction if the requirement as to a request for a hearing date was not

complied with.

The mere sending out by the court of a form not itself prescribed and without any judicial intention to vary the timetable could not have that effect. The date on which a sentence trible or the court of the cou

11(9) and in the present circumstances Form N450 could not alter it. In answering question (2) his Lord-ship emphasised that the present situa-

now was entirely different from that which the court had attempted to regulate in Rastin a British Steel plc (1994) I WLR 732).
There the plaintiff, or his advisers. had failed to comply with the date prescribed by the rules and was there-lore at mercy. The court had thought it

which would in large measure give effect to the intention underlying the rules. Here the situation was different a plaintiff had been misled by a document received from the county court into believing that the timesable ran from a result had failed to request a hearing date which he would otherwise have

court had had in mind in Rastin, it was altogether different and different considerations of fairness had to be taken into

it would be unfair if a plaintiff who had fallen foul of the rules as a result of relying on an apparently clear and county court itself was to be obliged to satisfy the exacting conditions of reinstatement specified in Rastin. in the absence of special circumstances the court should be willing to reinstate the action, although it was to be emphasised that it was an essential condition of reinstatement that the plaintiff had actually been misled.

Brown

Turning to the second case: proceed ings had been issued on April 6, 1993 and a defence delivered on or about May 24. Accordingly the trigger date was June 7, 1993 and the guillotine date Sentember 7, 1994

The date specified on Form N450 was June 9, 1993 from which June 23 would be derived as the trigger date, and September 23, 1994 as the guillotine date. Between the two guillotine dates application had been made to extend

It accordingly followed from the decision in the first case that the timetable preactibed by the rules had remained in effect but that in all the circumstances it would be appropriate to reinstate the action.

The appeals would therefore be allowed and the actions reinstated. Lord Justice Waite and Lord Justice Otton agreed.

Solicitors: Lyons Davidson, Bristol: Cole & Cole, Reading. Blight, Broad & Skinnard, Saltash;

County court actions struck out by passage of time under new rule

London Borough Council King v East Cambridgeshire District Council and Another Thompson v Wickens Building Group Ltd

Before Sir Thomas Bingham, Masand Lord Justice Otton Fudgment December 18

Order 17, rule 11(9) of the County Court Rules 1981, as substituted ing out of an action for failure to request a hearing date within the period specified by the rules was not analogous to a peremptory order of the court nor was a plaintiff who had failed to comply to suffer automatic strike out to be treated as though he were guilty of

court order. Where, therefore, a plaintiff's action was automatically struck out by operation of that rule, his ement of a fresh action claiming the same relief against the same defendants within the imitation period did not amount

to an abuse of the court's process.

The Court of Appeal so held: (i) allowing an appeal by the plaintiff, Charles Gardner, from Court who had struck out his Southwark London Borough Council and Walter Lawrence Management Ltd. for damages for ence and/or breach of statu-

(ii) allowing an appeal by the plaintiff. Patricia King, from Judge impson, at the Mayor's and Cit of London County Court, who had struck out her personal injuries Cambridgeshire District Council and Flanders Brothers Ltd. as an

abuse of the court's process; (iii) granting leave to appeal and ring an appeal by the plaintiff. Pamela Thompson, executely of son, from Mr Assistant Records County Court, who had struck out an action commenced within the limitation period for damages personal injuries against the Group Ltd. as an abuse of the

In each case, following the tiff's action under Order 17, rule same relief against the same defendants had been commenced Within the limitation period. First action: Mr Walter Aylen,

QC and Vir Alan Smith for plaintiff: Mr Victor Levene for the

field, QC, and Mr David Westcott, neither of whom appeared, for the plaintiff: Mr Andrew Miller for the Third action: Mr Guy Mans-

field. QC and Mr David Westout for the plaintiff: Mr Dermod Porter for the defendants.

LORD JUSTICE WAITE IN Avlen's submission that the analogy drawn between failure to comply with the automatic direcperemptory order of the court w false: the two were not comparable and that, although the court ways retained a discretion to ground of abuse, that was a sanction reserved for exceptional

By contrast Mr Levene had argued that the automatic directions machinery introduced by Order 17, rule 11 was a novelty in heen heralded as a measure inthe scandal of delay; that therein it should be given at every opportu-nity the teeth it was intended to

He had ureed that to allow opportunites for bringing the secundermine the severity of what was intended to be a stern

His Lordship preferred Mr Aylen's submission. No conturnely, no conturnacious conduct and no contempt or defiance of the process of suffering an automatic struck out of proceedings. The circumstances might show dilatoriness or lack of excuse such as to disqualify a plaintiff from having the action reinstated on the prin ciples approved in Rastin v Britis

But that was a long way from saying that such a shortcoming

ance such as occurred in failure to comply with an unless order. march of time past the milestones programme had deprived the plaintiff of his action.

In the latter case the court made an order specifically addressed to the plaintiff, demanding perfor-mance of a step which, if disobeyed, amounted to a contempt of court and became the subject of the punitive sanction of dismissal of

the suit

The discretion to strike out for abuse was never excluded, and, as Mr Aylen had submitted, was retained to deal with exceptional Having reached that conclusion

result followed in the second and third cases. Lord Justice Otton agreed. THE MASTER OF THE ROLLS, agreeing, said that if a plaintiff, whose first action had been automatically struck out under Order 17, rule 11(9), was

brought a second action within the limitation period, it was open to the defendant to seek an order staying the second action until the costs of the first action had been

the plaintiff could be precluded from bringing the second action, but it might afford grounds for restraining him from pursuing it until he had paid his debts. Walton, Walworth: Woolsey Morris & Kennedy, Sidcup and

Russell Jones & Walker: Prettys. Lamport & Bassitt, Southampton; C. A. Norris, Ringwood.

Meaning of 'deliver'

Lightfoot v National Westminster Bank plc Roberts v British Tele Roberts v Holling

Before Sir Thomas Bingham, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Waite and Lord Justice Otton

Judgment December 19i The word "deliver" bore the same meaning in Order 9, rule 2(6) and Order 17, rule 11(11) of the County Court Rules 1981, and signified the

odging by the defendant of his It was to be contrasted with the use of the word "send" in Order 9. rule 27), relating to the obligation of the proper officer of the court to

send on a copy of the defence on to Accordingly, the commencement of the automatic directions reference to the defendant's deliv

ery of the defence to the court, and not by reference a two-stage process, perfected when the proper officer of the court fulfilled his The Court of Appeal so held:

(i) granting leave to appeal and allowing the appeal by the defen-dant. National Westminster Bank plc. from Judge Simpson, at the Mayor's and City of London County Court, who had held that the action by the planniff. Pauline Lightfoot, had not been struck out: (ii) allowing an appeal by the defendant, British Telecommunications plc. from Judge Simpson. at the Mayor's and City of London County Court, who had affirmed he district judge's order dismissing the defendant's application for an order that the action brought by the plaintiff. Helen Roberts, had been automatically struck out

(iii) allowing an appeal by the defendant, Mr H. T. Hollins from Judge Fish, at Manchester Count Court, who had allowed an appeal by the plaintiff, Trevor Roberts. from the district judge who had held that the plaintiff's personal injury action, having been automatically struck out, should not be

nrinstated; and in each case the judge had held that since a defence was only "delivered" in accordance with "delivered" to the county court and "sent" on by the proper officer of the court to the plantiff. the nmetable for the operation of the automatic directions did not commence where the proper officer had failed to perform that duty. accordingly the plaintiff action had not been automatically struck out under Order 17. rule 11(9) despite the expiry of the 15month time limit.

for the defendant; Mr Benet Hymer, QC and Miss F. Newbery for the plaintiff.

Second action: Mr Timothy Scott, QC and Mr Rupert Butler for the defendants: Mr Benet Hymer, QC and Mr Neil Vickery for the plaintiff.

Third action: Mr Charles Chruszcz, QC and Mr Michael Rawlinson for the defendant; Mr Benet Hytner, QC and Mr J. J. Rowley for the plaintiff.

LORD JUSTICE OTTON said that the word "delivery" was used frequently and consistently in Order 9, rule 2 to signify the defendant lodging a document with the court. By contrast the proper officer was to "send" a copy of the defence to the plaintiff. II(II)(a) referred to "delivery" it was to be construed in the same way. The basic principle of construction applied that the same

meening throughout. "Delivery" always referred to the defendant and envisaged him lodging the document with the court. There was not a two-stage process which was perfected by sending the defence to the plaintiff. The timetable for the automatic negum by reference in the date of

word should be given the same

defendant to the court. To hold otherwise would create an unform-His Lordship emphasised that in the present cases no injustice arose as a result of his construction, since the plaintiffs had re-ceived copies of the defences albeit from the defendants' solicitors and

county court and accordingly were operation and of their rights and

Lord Justice Waite agreed. THE MASTER OF THE

ROLLS, agreeing, said that fro the evidence it appeared that it was the practice of some county courts not to send a copy of the defence to the plaintiff where the defendant delivered the defence to the court stating that he had sent a copy to While that might be a sensible.

convenient and economical prac-dce it was plainly contrary to 9, rule 2(7) which impo on the proper officer a clear mandatory duty, which he was not at liberty to neglect, to send a copy While the rule stood in its

present form it was clear that county courts should, on receipt of nce, send a copy to the It was difficult to envisage situation where a plaintiff could show that he had been genuinely

prejudiced by the county court's failure to perform its duty under Order 9, rule 2071. wever, if he were able to show that such failure had caused him struck out in circumstances when it would not otherwise have been he court's powers were sufficiently

ample to enable any genuint injustice to be remedied. Solicitors: Cole & Cole, Reading Pannone & Parmers, Mancheso Mr Alan Wintheid; Pattinson & Liddell Zurbrugg, Manchester, Betesh Partnership, Manchester.

Hearing date request implied Carr v Northern Clubs Fed-

cration Brewery Ltd Before Sir Thomas Bingham, Master of the Rolls, Land Justice Waite and Lord Justice Ofton

[Judgment December 20] Where a county court plainal! guillotine period, applied to the court for an extension of time, a was to be inferred that his applica tion implied, as an alternative, a request for a hearing date, so as to strike out under Order 17. rule 1169

of the County Court Rules 1987 allowing an appeal by the planniff, Reginald Carr, from Judge Crawford, QC, at Newcastle upo: Type County Court, who had affirmed the decision of the deputy district judge that the plaintiff's action claiming damages for personal injuries against the defen-dant. Northern Clubs Federation Brewery Ltd. had been automati cally struck out and should not be reinstated. The plaintiff had begun proceed-

ings on January 19, 1995, the defence being delingted on Feb-

ruary 16, the trigger date was accordingly March 3, and the guillotine date, June 3, 1994, when the action had been automatically

Mr D. J. B. Trotter for the plaintiff: Mr Timothy Briden for

LORD JUSTICE WAITE said

that the plaintiff's advisers had not been unmindful of the pendency of the guillotine date. In an en-deavour to avoid its consequences an extension of time two days before the guillotine date.

On the hearing, which took place after the guillotine date, the parties had agreed to treat the

application as one for reinstate ment. That application had been dismissed on the principles enun-ciated in Rastin v British Steel plo 119941 ! WLR 732). However since then the Court of Appeal in Ferreira v American Embassy Employees Association (The Times June 30, 1995) had held that an application for an exten-sion made to avoid automatic

necessarily implying an alter-native application for the fixing of a hearing day. From that authority, which was binding on the present court, it was clear that the plaintiff's appeal had

strike out was to be treated as

The Master of the Rolls and Lord Justice Otton agreed. Solicitors: Marrons, N upon Tyne; Mr B. K. J. Lewis.

Oversight is no excuse

Hackwell v Blue Arrow plc (trading as Extra Staff) and

Belore Sir Thomas Bingham, Mas-ter of the Rolls, Lord Justice Walte and Lord Justice Otton

(Judgment December 20) Total oversight by a plaintiff Court Rules 1981 afforded the plaintiff no excuse on an application for reinstatement in the automatic strike out of his

The Court of Appeal so held dismissing an appeal by the plain-tiff, Stephen Hackwell, from Judge Waiter, at Bow County Court. who, setting aside the district judge's order, allowed an appeal of the second defendant, Carlton plaintiffs claim had been auto 17. rule 1159 and refusing to

The Court of Appeal allowed an Acrow pic (trading as Extra Staff), from the judge's order refusing isave to appeal out of time from th district judge's order and directed that the aenon be struck out against the first defendant as against the second defendant. M: Peter Dedman for the plain all: Mr Toby Hooper for the second defendant; Mr John Reddibuugh, who did not appear

LORD JUSTICE WAITE said that the plauntiff had issued proceedings against the first and second defendants on June 5, 1942, defences being delivered on July 2

Taking the later date, the trigger date was July 24, and the guillotine date. October 24, 1993. The limits tion period expired on March 21. 1993 and since no request was made for a hearing day the zuidozine feil. On the question of rei

the judge, applying the threshold conditions in Rastin v British Steel olo (1994) i WLR 732, 74DG-H). found that the plaintiff's advisors had excreised reasonable diliconce, but that failure to request a nearing date, entirely due to oversight, was not excusable. The judge had concluded that

such mersight was not to be are-occupation with pressing maters such as the need to obtain legal aid to prayue the action. Nor had he regarded the fact that the defendants were vulnerable to criticism for delay as

vice was he impressed by the plaintiff's behalf that the solicitor's representative had believed subpostponed the close of pleadings date for the purposes of the summatic directions. His Lordship rejected, as wholly

reimant to the question of each

threshold conditions in the wrong order and should have considered excusability first.

Any court approaching the question of excuse would do so as dispassionately and fairly as pos-sible after, but not before, the mind of the judge had been directed to the overview of the case afforded by consideration of issues of reasonable diligence: see Hoskins v Wiggins Teape (UK) Ltd [1994] PIQR P377).

There was no ground on which the court could interfere with the judgers conclusion. It was a finding of fact which was open to him. It was a case of total oversight and that afforded no excess. The plaintiff's appeal would be

The Master of the Rolls and Lord Justice Otton agreed. Solicitors: Daybells, Stratford; Jarvis & Bannister; Kennedys.

Threshold tests for diligence

Reville ▼ Wright Before Sir Thomas Bingham, Mas-iar of the Rolls, Lord Justice Waite

[Judgment December 20] On an application for reinstatement after an action had been automatically struck out under Order 17, rule 11(9) of the County Court Rules 1981 for failure to request a hearing date within the prescribed time limits it was for the plaintiff to satisfy the court that ducted with at least reasonable diligence, as measured by the timetable of the automatic directions regime, and (ii) his failure to comply with the rule was

The Court of Appeal so stated granting leave to appeal and allowing an appeal by the defen-dant, Susan Wright, from Judge Holden, at Slough County Court, who had ordered reinstatement of an action brought by the plaintiff, Paul Reville, on his appeal from

the district judge.

The action was commen November 25, 1992, the defendant filing an admission of liability on December 2, 1992. The trigger date was therefore December 16, 1992 1994 by which time no hearing date had been requested. Meanwhile in February 1993 a

sum had been paid into court, but not accepted. In October 1994, following the defendant's application for payment out of that sum, the plaintiff had applied for

eiendant; Mr Gordon Exall for LORD JUSTICE OFTON said that the proper approach to an application for a retrospective sion of time under Order 13, rule 4 had been described in WLR 7321. Gardner v Soi London Borough Council (CA. unreported, April 19, 1994) and Hoskins v Wiggins Teape (UK) Ltd. (1994) PIQR P377).

I There were the two threshold tests: see Rastin (at p740G-H) and Hoskins (at ppP361-2): of proof lay on the plaintiff;

conducted with at least reasonable 4 That diligence was to be tested nut by the court's approach on applications to dismiss for want of prosecution but by the timesable aid down by Order 17, rule 11: 5 The plaintiff had also to satisfy the court that the failure to reuses

His Lordship was driven to conclude that the judge had not applied the governing principles and that his decision was ir-

On the issue of reasonable

diligence the judge had not ad-dressed the question of proof by

the plaintiff, as measured again

the time limits expressed in the It was, however, clear that none of the time deadlines laid down by Order 17, rule 11 had been complied with. None of the steps required to be taken by the tumatic directions had been taken before the action had been struck out. When measured seainst the time limits provided by

The list of documents relating to quantum should have been served by January 13, 1993. It was in fact served after the hearing before the judge in February 1995.

The plaintiffs witness stateand medical evidence should have been served by February 24, 1993. The former had not been served by the date of the hearing, with regard to the latter, further evidence was obtained in early 1994, but was not disclosed until December 1994.

it was a straightforward case, even the issue of quantum was relatively simple and the whole matter should have been resolved

Had the judge applied principle correctly he would have been bound to have found that the plaintiff's solicitors had failed to prove that they had prosecuted the claim with due diligence. On the issue of excusability:

there was no excuse and no evidence of an excuse. The judge had made no finding that there יצורונים תח ליונים פעינים olicitor's frank admission of his fault contained in his affidavit.

That had caused his Lordship some anxiety. At best it revealed oversight of the new automatic directions regime and the con-sequences of non-adherence to it. The question of prejudice or of the intenests of justice did not arise for the judge's consideration. The judgment could not be sustained and the appeal would be allowed.

The Master of the Rolls and Lord Justice Waite agreed. Solicitors: Wansbroughs Willey Hargrave: Heath & Buckeridge,

Correct test for reinstatement

Jackson v Slater Harrison and Co Ltd Before Sir Thomas Bingham, Mas-ter of the Rolls, Lord Justice Waite

Judgment December 201 On an application to reinstage an action automatically struck out under Order 17, rule 11(9) of the County Court Rules 1981 for failure to request a hearing date, the court applied the threshold tests identi-

(1994) 1 WLR 732). The approach adopted on polications for dismissal for want prosecution did not apply so that identions of means inordinate delay, prejudice to the defendant and the balance of

astice did not arise.
The Court of Appeal so held, granting leave to appeal and dlowing an appeal by the defen-lants, Slater Harrison and Co Ltd. from Judge Fawcus. at Manchester County Court whn, reversing the district judge, had ruled that an action begon by the plaintiff. Stephen Jackson, claiming damages for personal injuries, had not been automatically struck out under Order 17. rule 11(9) but that, in the alternative, he would extend time for requesting a hear-ing date and reinstate the action. The plaintiff's personal injury action had been commenced in July 1992, the defendant filing a

defence on August 6, and sending a copy to the plaintiff's solicitors. The action was struck out for Newember 30, 1993. A few days later, neither side realising that the action had been struck out under the new regime. he defendant made a payment into court. On September 20, 1994. ten months after strike out, the intiff applied for reinsa Mr Charles Bloom, QC and Mr

Philip Grundy for the d Mr Benet Hytner, QC and Mr.J. J. Rowley for the plaintiff. LORD JUSTICE OTTON said that the principles to be invoked in the present situation were those he had referred to in Reville v Wright (The Times January 18, 1995). To that he would make one

idendum, by way of emphasis. that it was axiomatic that the principles in Birkett » James (1978) AC 297) did not apply under the new and strict regime brought about by the operation of Order 17. the legal profession had to be set against that order and the strict,

Such considerations as mexcus-

able or incrdinate delay or prej-

considered when the application

ith timetables set by the rules.

tudice were not now to

Bloom's argument, concluded that the judge, although referring in particular to Rassin, and identifying the principles there enunicated had not applied them correctly but had adopted the Birkett v James approach as if it were an application to dismiss for

want of prosecution.

In doing so be had fallen into error and in taking into account such matters as prejudice and the balance of justice he had adopted a in itself to strike down his decision On application of the Rastin principles the plaintiff could not prove that he had acted with reasonable diligence. There had accordance with rule 11(3)(a), experts' reports and witness statements had not been exchanged within the periods described by rule 11(3)(b)(i) and (ii), and the plaintiff had not requested a

prescribed by rule 11(3)(d). That alone showed a lamentable prosecution of the action... It was unnecessary to consider the second threshold test, but looking at the matter in the kindest ure was due to oversight...

Such oversight could amount to an entitle. Not could the interval of 10 months between reinstate be ignored. appeal and dismiss the application

or reinstatement. Lord Justice Waite agreed. . THE MASTER OF THE ROLLS, agreeing, referred in particular to Mr Hymer's subof Anneal was to be wary of sitting in an ivory lower, remote from the exigencies of litigious life in the

county court and should not be too ready to criticise those who had the burden of conducting such His Lordship was not un-sympathetic, but it was not the Court of Appeal which had invented the automatic directions ne, nor had it itself provide the time limit for setting down introduced the sanction of automatic strike out if no request for a

specified period.

It had, however, endeavoured to reflect the essential aims which the regime was intended to promote, and, in his Lordship's view, had But he would emphasise that was no tight so that a plaintiff

hearing date was made within the

could not comply with it, the remedy was not to ignore the automatic directions but to seek an extension from the court. resolved by such recourse and the ourt was afforded an opportun to control the progress of the litigation. Despite Mr Hymer's eloquence his Lordship was bound to endorse Lord Justice Ottom's

Whether excuse

Solicitors: Lace Mawer,

is adequate Russell v Dennis Before Sir Thomas Bingham, Mas and Lord Justice Otton

|Judgment December 20| Whether a professed explanation amounted to an excuse, for the purposes of an application for artion struck out under Order 17. rule (1(9) of the County Court Rules 1981, as substituted, depended on all the circumstances and the

Where, however, the failure had resulted from a misapprehension as to the proper com date of the automatic timetable and from ignorance of the strike out rule, it was inexpessible and accordingly did not satisfy the second threshold test for

The Court of Appeal so held, granting leave to appeal and allowing an appeal by the defen dant, Andrew Dennis, from Mi Assistant Recorder Goodcinid ullowed the appeal by the plaintiff. Emma Russell, from the district judge who had held that her personal injury action had been Order 17, rule 11(9) and had refused

defendant: Mr Simon King for the

THE MASTER OF THE ROLLS said the plaintiff sustained serious injuries in an accident on July 23, 1990. She issued proceedings on July 21, 1993 two days within the three-year limitation

The defence was delivered on August 23, 1993 containing an admission of liability but a denial of causation and damage. The rigger date was September 7, 1993, with the consequent requirement that she request a hearing date or an extension of time by March 7, 1994 and the guillotine date was accordingly December 7, 1994.

out under Order 17. rule 11/91. On the question of excusability, his Lordship referred to the affida-vit evidence adduced by the plainbefore the judge had been sworn by a supervised trainee solicitor and made no reference to the

were deemed closed November 1993 an amended schedule of special damage had for applying for an extension of time as being 15 months from the

Anyone who had been familiarised with Order 17, rule 11 the defence could be the date from

There was nothing to suggest

was nothing to suggest that any of them had the point in mind or gave thought to it. Further, as appeared from the secretary's affidavit, until the mat-

His Lordship referred to Mr King's reliance, in seeking to uphold the assistant recorder's conclusion, on observations of

In regard to the probability of an extension being granted if made before the date of strike out, it was not in his Lordship's view to be thought that such an extension would inevitably or even usually be granted if the extension sought

Solicitors: Rollit, Parrell & Bladon, Hull: Pepperell Machina.

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reasons why a request for a hearing date had not been made in in an affidavit also sworn on the plaintiff's behalf a secretary, the personal assistant to the partner with overall responsibility for the case, had deposed to the fact that she had calculated the time for the matter to be set down for trial, or "alternatively to extend the time for

She had, in consequence, written the date, February 1995, on the front of the plaintiff's file for

His Lordship said that under the rules time began to be calculated from the close of pleadings, which ran from the date of delivery of the

could not have thought that deliv-ery of an amended schedule of ial damage four months after special damage and increasings the commencement of proceedings and three months after delivery of which the automatic directions timetable was to run.

that the deponent had been in structed as to the effect of the rule or that she had had the detail of it in mind, or that anyone else had paid attention to the date from which the timetable ran Although it appeared that the responsible for the matter there

ter had been running for at least four months after issue of proceed-ings there was no indication on the file as to the date from which the

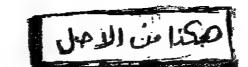
Lord Justice Simon Brown in Hoskins v Wiggins Teape UK Ltd (1994) PIQR P377, P385-6).

His Lordship concluded that whether a proffered excuse or explanation amounted to an excuse had to depend on all the circumstances and the nature of the forgetfulness, pressure of work or whatever was relied on. Here it was not an error as might occur in any well run and properly supered organisation, but was a plain failure to institute a proper system to see that that important rule was

was a small one. Here the plaintiff had accordingly failed to meet the second

condition set out in Rastin v British Steel pic [[1994] 1 WLR 732). The action would not be reinstated. Lord Justice Waite and Lord

Williamson, Scunthorpe. Further reports concluding tigs



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FILM 1 Nicolas Cage drinks himself to oblivion

(and an Oscar?)

in Leaving

Las Vegas



FILM 2

. . while Michelle Pfeiffer works miracles on inner-city kids in the rose-tinted Dangerous Minds THE



FILM 3

Steven Soderbergh twists the film *noir* genre into a skein of puzzles in The Underneath



FILM 4

... and there are plenty of thrills, of a less subtle kind, in Mute Witness. set in Moscow

Geoff Brown drinks deep of Mike Figgis's study of alcoholic despair, and goes back to school with Michelle Pfeiffer

Bottled up, bottle open, bottling out

irst introduced wobbling down a Los Angeles supermarket aisle and filling his trolley with booze, Nicolas Cage begins Leaving Las Vegas the way he means to go on. He is stewed, His walk, talk and gestures tell us this; so does the way he later manhandles his car. Already short of ready cash, he loses his scriptwriting job, ransacks his bank account, burns possessions and heads for the Nevada pleasure domes. "I came here", he says, "to drink myself to death." And he succeeds, bottle pressed to his lips, stripped down to the stubble and sinews that filmgoers know only too well.

The singlemindedness of Cage's character is matched by the director's. After wobbling a bit himself with Mr Jones and a redundant remake of The Browning Version, Mike Figgis re-establishes his Hollywood credentials as the English director who does things differently. No frills; no happy ending: just lashings of sleazy atmosphere, moody music and a small story pursued to the bitter end. The reverse of

"feelgood" cinema. Only two characters matter: Cage's Ben Sanderson and Elisabeth Shue's prostitute Sera, another vulnerable soul who offers support and love. Figgis's suppris so spare that it denies both of them any previous history. We never know why their demons have taken up residence; they just

Two consequences flow from this. Since no easy explanations are peddled, we are encouraged not to judge their actions. Sera herself never says "Tut tut" nor hides bottles; she accepts that Ben has chosen perdition. This is unusual in a Hollywood movie about a social problem; and it allows Figgis to peer closely, movingly at times, into the

The streamlined script from a novel by John O'Brien. who followed his own selfdestructive path and died one month before shooting started also increases the performers' burden. As in previous roles Cage throws himself headlong into the physical requirements of acting drunk. The eyes pop out from sockets; the hand shakes. Speech comes in torn fragments. The relaxed air he maintains in comedies pokes through, too, warming the portrayal. Shue works her own corner well, creating in Sera a mixture of Good Samaritan and a

trapped, yearning lover. Figgis views the Vegas landscape with curious eyes. Where Showgirls opted for neon pomp, Figgis plumps for the fizzling lightbulb, luring us into this seedy world with slow dissolves and fade-ins. However, the film ultimately suffers from claustrophobia. Its

Leaving Las Vegas Warner West End, 18, 110 mins .

Nicolas Cage gets spectacularly drunk Dangerous Minds

Odeon West End, 15, 99 mins · Michelle Pfeiffer brings magic to the inner cities The Underneath

MGM Shaftesbury Ave. Fascinating puzzle from Steven Soderbergh

Mute Witness Warner West End. 18, 96 mins Ebullient thriller set in Moscow

Persuasion Barbican, U, 107 mins Balm from Jane Austen

small focus and Ben's downward spiral leaves audiences with little to look forward to except more of the same, and you long occasionally for someone to call out Time, gentlemen, please!" But since Figgis is offering something not usually on sale - a pessimistic Hollywood mood piece closer to art than entertainment - only the most short-sighted should pass the

should rush to Dangerous Minds, Audiences across America certainly have; this timid tale about Michelle Pfeiffer working her magic on inner-city kids has taken four times as much money as The Usual Suspects, released at the same time. It is a plot many people already know, especially if their memories stretch to Blackboard Jungle or To Sir, With Love.

Marine, plunges into an un-ruly class, "Rejects from hell," she calls them. After failing with traditional tactics and tweeds, she wears jeans, offers bribes, and analyses the lyrics of Mr Tambourine Man. The ciass contains the expected types: hardened hood veterans, the bright kid who jeopardises her chances by getting pregnant. The film's point, however, is that every kid has a chance, provided his or her attention is caught and energy channelled away from

acknowledged, happens to be based on truth: LouAnne Johnson, Pfeiffer's character, is also the author of the source material, a memoir called My Posse Don't Do Homework. To audiences eager for good news about themselves, the film could obviously be com-forting. Others will find it rose-tinted and predictable.

vinces neither as a former Marine nor an inner-city



What time is now? Alison Elliott in The Underneath, whose maze of flashbacks is "endlessly fascinating"

A new teacher, a former

Make his a treble: Nicolas Cage stars in Leaving Las Vegas, Mike Figgis's claustrophobic study of two lost souls in the Nevada desert town ewer marks for John N. The message is well-meant, and the story, implausibilities Smith, an experienced director from Canadian television, making his American debut. He was hired on the basis of

fog descends.

The eagle-eyed will observe that Steven Soderbergh's The

Underneath is a Populist Pic-

tures production. Soderbergh

is scarcely a populist, and

wide acceptance of his new

feature will probably be hin-

dered by the layers of flash-

backs, fancy camera angles and other displays of rampant style. The movie, a remake of

the late 1940s film noir Criss

Cross, still grips, though more as puzzle than thriller.

robbery of an armoured car carrying bank notes galore. Flashbacks emerge to fill in

the story: their colouring and

film grain is different, and in

the strand placed furthest in time. Peter Gallagher usefully

wears a beard. He plays a

wastrel who returns home to

the nowhere of Austin, Texas,

and tries to pick up the torch

with his former wife, currently

attached to a reptilian night-

By fracturing the plot so

much, Soderbergh ensures the

robbery never builds into the

expected set piece. Nor do the scenes between Gallagher and his old flame (Alison Elliott)

reach the heat that rose be-

tween surly Burt Lancaster and sultry Yvonne De Carlo in

the original. Soderbergh's in-

terest lies instead in the confu-

sions, the moral or immoral

choices, opened up by the

Camera pyrotechnics, razor-

sharp dialogue and accom-plished playing make the film's puzzle endlessly fasci-

nating. Nobody is better than

Gallagher at polishing a wast-rel with charm, which is just

club owner.

story's twists.

We begin with the unfolding

The glamorous Pleiffer con-

Anyone fainting for lack of a teacher, though she gets ten plot in Leaving Las Vegas out of ten for trying. There are

what, his ambiguous hero requires. Smaller parts, too, are etched with flair. Soderbergh may still not have topped his debut, sex, lies and The Boys of St Vincent, widely videotape, but The Underneath proves again that he is praised for its penetrating treatment of abusive behavincapable of making a boring iour at a Catholic orphanage. film. Just do not expect to be Once he reaches Hollywood perched on the seat's edge,

unuckles whitening.

Mute Witness, by contrast, straps you on an emotional rollercoaster. You shake with fear as the heroine, a mute next moment you laugh at buffoonish comedy; then you guffaw at clunky dialogue, a thrill that mistires, or the sudden emergence of a "mystery guest star". The next scene you quake again, heart in mouth

The man responsible for this crazy, good-bad movie is Anthony Waller, a British commercials director who was trained at the Munich Film School (some of his German classmates are behind the camera with him). His script cow movie set, faces some new was first set in Chicago; then torment after witnessing the economy dictated his scumbag

even though ex-communist crime lords have fast become movie clichés, enough novelty persists in the film studio setting to ward off yawns. After spending the first half cowering, Russian actress Ma-rina Sudina shows refreshing pluck; and playing mute, she is spared the worst of Waller's dialogue. Good fun, though debilitating: at the end you do

Russia, it was a smart move:

Persuasion, BBC Films' adaptation of Jane Austen's last novel, receives a brief, wel-

not walk from the cinema, you

television transmissions last year. You can snort perhaps at the hand-held camera waltzes favoured at times by director Roger Michell. You may wish Austen's story of love lost and recaptured was not pushed through at quite such a lick. But you cannot fault the film's fresh spirit, sensitivity, nor wonderful cast. Amanda Root, as Anne Elliot, the daughter facing a life on the shelf, is its heart and soul. Hers is a face picks up every rustle of hope or disappointment and basks in her smile. This is the most



shooting of a snuff film. The characters do their business in come cinema airing after two civilised film in town. "ONE OF THE MOST POWERFUL AMERICAN FILMS OF THE YEAR" THE GUARDIAN "A neon-soaked masterpiece" TIME QUIT "COMPELLING" "EXCEPTIONALLY MOVING"



Good news for night owls

THIS week the House of Commons has debated the **BBC** World Service funding cuts and the Lords, as is their curious wont, used a debate on the new Broadcasting Bill to mutter about the amount of sport going to satellite tele-vision channels, which is not actually covered by the Bill.

But outside the corridors of notional power there is real news for real listeners. After several years of hints, ru-mours, hopes and false dawns, I can confirm that network from April I this year. This has been a cherished ambition of Nicholas Kenyon.

Malcoim Innes Gallery and Berkeley Studio **EXHIBITION OF 100** "SNAFFLES" Prints and Originals Street, St. James's S.W.1 171 839 8083 Fast 8085) Jammery to 30th January RADIO: Peter Barnard looks

forward to all-night programming

for 'real listeners' on Radio 3

Radio 3's Controller, since he took over from John Drum-mond in 1992. Kenyon refrom John Birt, the Director-General, last November and yesterday Kenyon's team met at Broadcasting House to finalise details.

The confirmation of a round-the-clock Radio 3 is good news for those night owls among us who until now have had only Classic FM (no mean compensation, I may say) as a buttress against the nocturnal forces of rock 'n' roll. The wee hours have too long been an

oasis of Oasis. Classic FM has proven that there is a night-time audience for serious music and I argued long ago that Radio 3 should have turned into a 24-hour network before Classic was on

the air. At the time, accountants ruled Broadcasting House and anyone arguing for more programming could expect to be certified.

Times change. I understand that Kenyon has secured an extra £500,000 a year to fi-nance night-time broadcasting, the money coming from economies elsewhere in the BBC. This is small beer in Radio 3's annual budget of £56 million but extra money for any network is an achievement in this era.

The night service will be run by Donald McLeod, now head of presentation. That in turn means that Radio 3 listeners who have been complaining about the network's presentational style can expect to have their needs attended to by McLeod's successor, who has

yet to be named. Start writing now, is my advice.

The schedules for Radio 3 during the night are not finalised but they are unlikely to offer wall-to-wall music, unfortunately. Schools broadcasting is likely to take up the hours between 3am and 5am but at least the hours either side will now service a real, if small, market

Increased airtime will be good news for the five BBC orchestras, which will be asked to contribute more live and recorded music. A few chestras faced closure or merger but savings elsewhere enabled that threat to recede. Now it has the chance to hecome a distant memory.

All of which is in stark contrast to stories circulating predicting the demise of Radio 3, apparently based on an internal document discussing the network's long-term viability. Clearly Radio 3 is fighting back ... and about



OPERA 1

Covent Garden presents its best face in a powerful staging of The Midsummer



OPERA 2

and English National Opera launches a new home for experimental work in Hackney





■ MUSIC I

Sir Colin Davis and the LSO set off on Britain's first cycle of Bruckner symphonies



MUSIC 2

Mitsuko Uchida brings a typically silken touch to a chamber recital with the Carmina Quartet

New opera 'hothouse' opens in the East End

hter months of adverse publicity. English Nat-ional Opera has been overtaken in the doom and gloom stakes by the belea-guered Royal Opera House. Some at ENO will doubtless be relieved to see the critical spotlight shift. Most, however. will regret the way in which it has distracted attention from one piece of operatic good news: the launch this week of the ENO Works, an innovative venture bringing together the company's Contemporary Opera Studio and Baylis Programme in a new home, the old Shoreditch Library building in Hackney, east London.

Although the new facility will not be fully operational until March, the ENO Works will throw open its doors to local residents on Saturday. As Mark-Anthony Turnage. ENO's composer-in-association and the project's director, puts it: "Opera may be a dirty word at present, but the open day will enable outsiders to see that we are pretty normal." Visitors will recognise little of their former public library, and find instead rehearsal spaces and office accommodation for a company that in the past has been forced to squat in thoroughly unsuitable venues.

This handsome turn-of-thecentury building (Grade II listed, the work of Henry Thomas Hare) has been transformed with local support and as part of the area's regeneration: ENO has stumped up only £30,000 of the renovation's £130,000 total cost and is

English National Opera is making a fresh attempt to nurture new

talent. John

Allison reports

leasing the premises from Hackney Council. Almost every aspect of ENO's work will benefit orchestra and chorus will rehearse there, and the Baylis

Programme will not only have a permanent base but be able to "adopt" the community for its education and outreach projects. But most exciting of all are the prospects for the Contemporary Opera Studio, which Turnage feels was pre-viously "stuck on the side of the company, without total commitment. Now we've got core funding and a building." Together with the artistic

administrator. Sarah Hickson. Turnage will run the studio as a hothouse for the nurturing of new talent, bringing together all those involved in the creation of operas composers, writers, produc-ers, designers and performers in a flexible, friendly

Turnage, who is currently working on two new operas, enjoyed rare success with the premiere of his Greek at the 1988 Munich Biennale, itself a shining example to the studio.



Turnage: "This business is not only about composers. but about singers too, and breaking down barriers"

No fewer than three separate productions of Greek are planned internationally this year, but he is acutely aware of the high failure rate of contem-porary operas. "I had a great experience when I wrote Greek, but a lot of composers writing their first opera have a really bad experience. We want to stop that happening. We want to support new work, so that people won't get to the stage five weeks before the premiere and find themselves

"We won't necessarily be putting on all the new operas ourselves — we'll be 'work-shopping' things for other companies. Hopefully it will produce better operas." Projects already under way include music-theatre works by Julian Anderson. Martin Butler, Julian Grant, David Sawer and Param Vir.

ing my residency with the City Birmingham Symphony Orchestra, the try-outs allowed me to improve my pieces 100 per cent. This is a facility we're going to have in the studio — things that don't work will be ironed out long before the premiere. This is the way I've worked on Twice Through the Heart" - his chamber opera commissioned for next year's Aldeburgh Festival — "and I hope it will be a model for the whole of the studio. I've already had workshops with Sally Burgess, and basically rewritten it. This business is not only about composers, but about singers too, and breaking down barri-

mous amount of suspicion." The rate at which new works appear and disappear reflects the unhealthy pressure on young composers to pro-duce their first opera. "Too many people have been commissioned. I don't think there are loads of born opera composers, and the defunct in commissioning so many. Not all composers have a sense of drama, but you still find them writing their own librettos and adapting their concert music for the theatre. Many set the same authors -Lorca is one always turning up and a lot are based in the late 19th century, with little for audiences to latch onto."

With Steven Berkoff's Greek, Turnage found an author that few had set before and subject-matter of contemporary resonance. "Something did happen with Greek. The audience wasn't just toffs there are people out there. Of course, ticket prices mean that audiences are all of a certain class. It really infuriates me. and I hope we can change all that working in Hackney."

JOHN ALLISON

Tuesday night's faunch by the London Sympho-ny Orchestra of its

great significance it

Bruckner Mozart Series was

marked the start of the first-

ever complete cycle of Bruck-ner symphonies in this country. Until the middle of

April, programmes will couple

the symphonies, from the Bee-

thovenian No 0 to the unfin-

ished No 9, and a few of

Bruckner's choral pieces with

key works in Mozart's output.

A big undertaking - not least for the LSO's Principal Con-

ductor. Colin Davis, who has

done relatively little Bruckner

but who takes charge of al-

Since nearly all the major

symphonists - including.

most recently, Vaughan Wil-

liams - have received com-

prehensive treatment on the

London concert platform, it is

indeed surprising to find such

a prvotal figure as Bruckner

neglected. But he has often been misunderstood, and the

imaginative coupling of his

music with Mozart's should

refresh our view of him. The

differences between these two

Austrian composers - one a

man of the world who died

aged 36, the other a character

of humility who was still

entering himself in diploma

examinations in his late thir-

ties - are obvious, but Mozart

may emerge as more than just

There are, however, few

points of contact between Mo-

zart and Bruckner in the

latter's Ninth Symphony.

which dominated Tuesday's

concert. By the end of his life

Bruckner had broken down ali

an early influence.

most half the concerts.

in the middle of a disaster.

Turnage stresses the value of practical experience. "Dur-

ers where there is an enormid all the hoo-ha surrounding The House, it was good to be reminded that what matters in the end at Covent Garden is what happens on stage and in the pit, and on Tuesday it was shown to matter very much indeed - one of the most astonishing and original operas written this century was resomeone who had attended performances during the first run in 1955, and been dazzled by them, to witness the audience rising to acclaim the spry. eternally youthful, 91-year-old composer, Sir Michael Tippett, was extraordinarily stirring.
In 1955, The Midsummer Marriage was considered, to put it mildly, "difficult" - indeed, the scorn heaped

upon libretto and music in the press makes painful reading today. Yet for all the weird mixture of Shaw, Eliot, Jung, Greek and Eastern mythology in the text, there seemed to be - to a teenager at least - a narrative thread as strong and logical as that of The Magic Flute. Yes, love, society, humanity itself, have to be tested, and the journeys up, down and through the elements made perfect sense. What it may be difficult for teenagers

today to take on board was the feeling of renewal the opera engendered in the 1950s: there had been two world wars and unimaginable horror, but this was

Rodney Milnes applauds a Royal Opera production of Tippett's buoyant masterpiece

Made in heaven: Tippett's The Midsummer Marriage, once critically reviled, is gloriously vindicated in Graham Vick's new production

So all you need is love

all part of a new start. The optimism. the sheer positiveness of Tippett's vision buoyed us all up no end, and the only shadow falling across Tuesday's that the start has faltered, the old order has fought back, and the opera is still not quite a period plece. "A loafer sponging off the state," says the businessman King Fisher of his prospective son-in-law.

Good heavens, we still talk like that . . . Tippett's opera has not exactly been neglected in the intervening decades: all our national com-

panies have staged it and this was the Royal Opera's third new production. Yet with each fresh encounter one is bowled over afresh by the mindboggling exuberance of the music, its richness of melody and fastidious beauty of instrumentation. To be bowled over again in the company of Bernard Haitink was privilege indeed: he and his magnificent orchestra wallowed in the richness of texture, the grandeur of vision, lingering lovingly over the sheer beauty of the music

CONCERTS: The first British Bruckner symphonic cycle launched at the Barbican; plus chamber recitals

without ever quite losing its forward momentum. The score was performed without cuts and the four hours in the theatre felt like half that time.

chorus operas, reminiscent of Boris Godunov or Boccanegra. Their music is difficult but hugely rewarding, and for the daring, energy and accuracy with which Terry Edwards's singers threw themselves at

the notes no praise The Midsummer could be too high. Chorus and orches Marriage tra - the nuts and bolts of any opera Covent Garden house. The only problem with the quiet, dignified demonstration by staff

outside the theatre suggesting that the management pause for thought, if not consultation, before implementing its panic-stricken programme of redun-dancies was that it should perhaps have been outside the Treasury. Graham Vick's production and Paul

Brown's decor are clean-cut and to the

point, in helpful counterpoint, you

could argue, to the baroque exuberance

of the music. Journeys to heaven and hell are imaginatively handled and the

climactic revelation of the lovers in a lotus flower is bewitchingly beautiful. I wondered only if Ron Howell's respectable, abstract choreography could not with advantage have been more specif-ic in its depiction of hunter and hunted it certainly did not frighten me as much as it frightened Bella and Jack. But Vick's direction of the chorus had a gerously anarchic edge to it: his third-act picnic looked like a Glyndebourne interval that had got slightly out of hand — spot on.

The soloists gave their all: Stephen O'Mara taking advantage of not being hustled by Haitink to sing Mark's music carefully and beautifully; Cheryl Barker sounding a little tense at first, but settling down to negotiate Jenifer's virtuoso lines with aplomb; Lillian Watson and Christopher Ventris giving really witty performances as Bella and Jack (there are funny lines and you are allowed to laugh); Eiddwen Harrhy and Peter Rose were sturdy Ancients and Catherine Wyn-Rogers got a lot of Mme Sosostris's words across as well as singing with glowing gravity. And the one and only John Comlinson, of course, sang tirelessly and hurled all King Fisher's words

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sense of Mozartian order: so much so that a finale to his Ninth eluded him. But in Davis's performance the work felt complete. Even though he pulled phrases around in the visionary Adagio, one sensed the serene affirmation of the composer's "farewell to life". Davis allowed the titanic

and presented the increasingly

Mozart, represented by his Violin Concerto No 3 in G, was served less well, in spite of the stylish playing Davis drew from the LSO. The orchestral opening established a genial mixture of wit and charm that the soloist, the diminutive Midori, was unable to match. She gave a polished performance and seems incapable of ugly tone, but her self-conscious approach to the music was wide of the stylistic mark. Hardly a phrase passed without a teasing drop to pianissimo, and the Adagio was droopily sentimental. The real romanticism of Bruckner came as welcome relief.

Touching without intimacy

The producer Graham Vick is said to have balked at the bare backsides advertising Covent Garden's production of Tippett's The Midsummer Marriage. No one, as far as I am aware, has yet complained of the combination of shapely female back and string instrument which announces the International Chamber Music Season at the South Bank. Does this really pull in the crowds? Certainly, the QEH was full for the appearance of the Carmina Quartet and Mitsuko Uchida in a substantial programme of late Schubert and Brahms.

Carmina Quartet Oueen Elizabeth Hall

modern string quartet live, and I found myself having to readjust to the sound in the same way that, say five or six years ago, it took a while to settle into the period-instrument approach: the Quatuor Mosaïques has changed all that. There is a histrionic quality to the modern style of string playing (which stems largely from fast vibrato and high string tension) that worked all right in the Brahms Piano Quintet in the second was much less successful in

its visionary, progressive qual-ities, still clings to its Classical inheritance in style and, above all, texture, and the Carmina Quartet's performance seemed overemphatic and their interpretation unsettled. That said, it must be difficult to come cold to this strange. tonally ambiguous work: dramatic and disturbing by design, elegiac yet elusive by nature. There was plenty of energy and commitment but I longed for cleaner textures and a more elegant, subtle approach. Probably the underthe microscope acoustic of the QEH did not help (attempts had been made to make a more intimate setting), but I found their overall sound at times rough-edged and not always perfectly balanced.

Schubert's G major quartet.

Perhaps it was because

Schubert's last quartet, for all

Brahms's Piano Quintet in F minor is no less demanding a work, but in the company of Uchida, and with the Schubert behind them, the string players quickly established a different level of interpretation. They paced the work well. Uchida brought out perfectly the luminous quality of Brahms's piano-writing: some people might have preferred a heavier touch but I found that the way in which she stroked the keys achieved an ideal integration with the strings

meaning as it became more abstruse. and added depth to the performance as a whole.

Tess Knighton

I have to confess that it's half of the programme, but JOHN ALLISON some time since I heard a Youth can string Beethoven along

BRITTEN in his early twenties, Mendelssohn in his teens: this is the kind of thing that a young ensemble should be playing, surely, rather than late Beethoven. Much of what the Vellinger String Quartet did for the Manchester Chamber Concerts Society seemed to confirm the wisdom of such thinking. By the end of the concert we were not so sure.

The Veilinger Quartet is admirably accomplished in technique, secure in ensemble, robust in sound, just right for the learless projection of such highly coloured character pieces as Britten's Three Divertimenti. Firmly led by Stephanie Gonley, it is also a quartet abundant in personality with a cellist passionate enough to offset the occasional suspicion of severity in the first violin, an elegant viola, a second violin discreetly effective **Vellinger Quartet** Manchester

as the intermediary between them. So there was no question of Mendelssohn emerging from his Quartet in A minor. Op 13, as the teenage fogey imitating late Beethoven and, except in the delightfully fresh Intermezzo, concealing his youthful personality in searching counterpoint and profound reflection. On the contrary. he was presented as a musician not so much repressed by his admiration of Beethoven's Quartet in A minor, Op 132, as inspired by his affection for it.

Even so, it was taking a risk - and restricting style and material - to include that same Quartet in A minor,

Op 132, in the same programme. The danger was not that Mendelssohn would seem callow by comparison but that late Beethoven would sound dry. Indeed, there was a lack of imagination in the approach to the early part of the work. But something happened in the Molto adagio, first in the quicker D major sections and eventually in the Lydian deliberation itself. It assumed more

The turning point of the interpretation was in the next movement, in the leader's suddenly dramatic performance of the recitative. While the finale allowed some of the pressure to leak away it did indicate that youth and authentic late-Beethoven are not incompatible.

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Hilary Finch on how rhythm and melody can help young deaf children to speak

Feeling for the sound of music

it were between two sandwich bars in a side street midway between Euston and King's Cross stations, point and circumstance are in the air. Land of Hope and Glory blasts out from the loudspeakers and a threeyear-old called Abi proudly beats her drum to the march. She starts as Elgar's great crescendo revs up, and she stops when the music ceases. She can hear only the deeper tones, and when congratulated on sharing her drum, she tunes in to the vowels of human speech.

Before the deaf virtuoso percussionist Evelyn Glennie, the idea that music was not only a viable but a vital ingredient in the education of hearing-impaired children was considered at best as eccentric, at worst as totally incongruous. But Beethoven himself may have endorsed a positive view if there had been ears to hear him. For the range of vibrations and frequencies which can be experienced by the use of carefully selected instruments is now acknowledged in the development of the rhythm and melody of speech and language.

Ideas

Christopher Place, Britain's first speech, language and hearing centre for babies and children under five, was opened in December by Evelyn Glennie. Its miniature furniture and gently curved, nastel-tinted walls are as bright and new as the research which motivated its existence.

The years between birth and five have for long been a silent void for hearing-impaired children and their parents, as far as mutual support and therapeutic activity have been concerned. And as such awareness has increased so. paradoxically, have resources decreased. This was the force behind Christopher Place: this, and the heightened awareness that background noise, television and the speed at which children are now required to communicate, are



Berthoven would approve: music therapy is now an important part of education for hearing-impaired children

possible contributory factors in the ever-growing number of speech and language-delayed children.

The chairman Andrew Jaye who has a hearing-impaired child of his own, visited a similar centre in America and determined that a centre offering a full nursery curriculum. together with inter-disciplinary therapeutic intervention. should be provided in Britain. Christopher Place became a registered charity in 1991, formed a board of trustees. and started four years of fundraising. The breakthrough came when an anonymous foundation offered to set up custom-built accommodation. Three small, light floors open into flower-filled. SOUNGproofed rooms, each one with semi-circular tables for child, teacher and parent.

Angela Harding points out that testing has also revealed that several children with speech and language delay have made six to eight-week advances in just a formight. She artributes this to the use of appropriate language levels. integrated with music and dance, and to a programme of close follow-up work and linking with parents and local With the help of the head

Referral to Christopher Place - sometimes from as far away as Manchester or Wales is through paediatricians,
 GPs, health visitors and, above all, the parental bush telegraph. Funding can be private, from local authorities. or from the centre's own Child Sponsorship Fund: it is Chris topher Place's "fervent hope" that no child who requires therapy will be refused because of finance. The Beethoven Fund for Deaf Children (founded in 1976 by Ann Rachlin) hopes to contribute to this, and has already donated a spacious room for dance and music therapy, as well as a set of customised musical instruments to help hearing impaired children to reproduce the rhythm and melody of speech and language, and to start a life of communication.

• A gala concert at the Savoy Theatre, London, on Sunday marks the 20th anniversary of the Beethoven Fund and proceeds will be divided between Christopher Place and The Elizabeth Foundation in Portsmouth, Tickets are EIO to £100, from 0171-836 8888 ● The Speech, Language and Hearing Centre is at Christopher Place, Chalton Street, London NW1 UF (0171-383 3834; fax 0171-

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TODAY'S CHOICE

THE MAGIC FLUTE. Mozor's merry masterpace of pentomine curry allegon returns to the English National Opera reperiore. Original production by Nacholas Hymor reviewed by Herry Little, conducted by Alexander Sander and translated by Jeremy Serva Ion Society and Parma, with Peter Shipp as Papagero. John Connell as Sanastro and Nicola Sherirey as The Queen of the Night Collemann, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (87171-632 8300) Tomphi and Sat, 7.30pm (§) ELSEWHERE LIVERPOOL Joseph Swensen laker. to the podum for joright's Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra concert of Mendelssohn, Honegger and Beethoven Sielan Harpe takes ov Saturdey, with planisi Marin Ross an Bil-Besthoven programme in aid of the British Red Cross Philiharmonic Mail, Hope Street (0151-709 3789) Tonight and Sat, 7 30pm (2)

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ALTHOUGH some contemporary mime is text-based, even in such cases the overriding concern is to create scenes the eye can register. Thus Raimund Hoghe, in this 90-minute piece from Germany, sometimes stands at a lectern and reads sombre accounts of deaths and persecution. while the voice of Joseph Schmidt, a popular tenor from the 1930s, is beard. warbling his songs at regular intervals. But it is the odd vet simple movements, the silent, uncanny images, that give the work its haunting

Melnwarts is a requiem, initially for the doomed Schmidt, whose songs, to quote the words of the most famous of them, went round the world but whose

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broadens its scope to recall the transport east of an ordinary

Jewish family during the war, the irruption of neo-Nazi brutality closer to our own day and finally the death of a friend, possibly a lover, from an Aidsrelated illness. Coupling this with the Jewish persecution may seem improper to some, but Hoghe provides an unexpected link between the two in his

TABLE own person: a growth restriction prevented Schmidt performing in opera, and in the first moments of this show Hoghe, also a short

man, casually reveals the distortion of his right shoulder. On a dark stage, lit only by a cluster of red night-lights at one corner, Hoghe is seen in silhouette, sitting with his back towards us. A flying trapeze is faintly visible. An assistant walks on and douses the lights, and Hoghe can

be dimly seen walking to the trapeze, where he strips off his black suit and. now with his naked, misshapen back to us, hoists himself onto the trapeze. Schmidt, meanwhile, is singing a Donizetti aria. This is the first of a number of weird

but magical juxtapositions. He dances in the dark with two small torches illuminating random scraps of the stage; he drapes himself with coloured lightbulbs, like a necklace of jewels. Perhaps you need to be in a special

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Then Winston Chur-chill and Reginald Maudling sat down to write the Leader's Speech for the Tory party conference of 1947 it slowly dawned on Maudling that, despite his assurances to R.A. Butler that spring, Churchill had not actually read the Industrial Charter, the crucial declaration of party policy industrial matters. So Maudling handed

him a paragraph summarising it centralisation, high employment produced by government, strong trade unions, no denationalisation, equal pay, increased spending on training, joint production councils, co-partnership schemes - and Churchill said he did not agree with a word of it. "Well, sir," answered the hapless speech writer, "this is what the conference has adopted." "Oh

well," said Churchill, "leave it in." For all the possible self-parody in the tale, it could serve as the leitmotif for the postwar age of detail, lack of interest in domestic issues, laziness over party policy and a general drift towards social democracy led by Butler and Harold Macmillan. Soon after the charter was adopted, Macmillan

Drifting away from victory

THE AGE OF CHURCHILL AND EDEN By John Ramsden

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wrote to Butler congratulating him and saying that its right-wing opponents, such as Waldron Smithers, Sir Herbert Williams and Raiph Assheton, thought it "milk and water socialism, which perhaps it is. but . . . there does not seem to me much harm in this".

John Ramsden's book, the lates edition of the long-running and excellent Longman History of the Conservative Party, is a well researched, objective study of the locust years when the Tory Wets took over the party from the



Churchill's humour finds favour with Anthony Eden at the 1953 Conservative Party conference

Chambetlainites and made it a social democratic rather than authentically Tory organisation. If you want to read the charter.

ism did so much damage to

competitiveness, productivity and sterling, just wait for new Labour's election manifesto. One of Butler's braver ideas whose application under Butskell-

tion issue - was the propagation of Operation Robot, a scheme to make sterling convertible in 1952. It was scuppered by Churchill's though not one which he was in . memories of the Gold Standard the end willing to make a resignadebacle and the machinations of

Prof" Lindemann, Lord Cherwell, the subject of an excellent intellectual biography by his former lieutenant in the Prime Minister's Statistical Office, Thomas Wilson.

Albert Einstein called Lindemann "the last of the great Florentines". Wilson, now Emeritus Professor of Political Economy at Glasgow University, in a book that is more a series of essays than a comprehensive biography, explains why. There was hardly a significant political, scientific or economic issue between 1921 and 1955 on which he was not a convinced and combative cam-

Like any expert, he must be judged on results. On the credit side must be his work opposing appeasement, on the anti-Luftwaffe aerial beams, discovering how to save aircraft from: spinning out of control (at considerable risk to his own life), helping

Germany in the 1930s and his defence of the Bomber Command offensive. On the debit side, perhaps, is his support for Morgen-thau's plan to pastoralise Germany, his advocacy of aerial mines, his quarrels with Sir Henry Tizard over radar and almost all his postwar Keynesian economic advice. The man of whom it was originally remarked that he was to the right of Genghis Khan, he relished the politically incorrect, once asking an idealistic colleague: What is this foolish proposal to abolish hunger?"

ost prime ministers have extra-special advisers - Tom Jones, Sir Horace Wilson, Marcia Falkender and Alan Walters all gave non-departmental advice free of fear and favour. Lindemann, however, who could in Churchill's words "explain to me in lucid, homely terms what the issues were," was the greatest of them all. This book, which takes advantage of the expiry of the 30 and 50-year rules in a way earlier biographies could not, triumphantly succeeds in filling a gap in the intellectual history

Glad to bear the stamp of lowly origin

The proper study of man-kind is man." I always thought that Pope's conclusion represented a hopelessly limited view of things. There was a time when I spent every day chasing the same pride of 12: surely the proper study of mankind is lion.

I lived in an ebony glade which I shared with a troop of baboons. The sound of their squabbles and the sight of their peacemaking was an aspect of daily routine, but I did not warm to them. They were my closest relatives in the African bush; perhaps that was why I found them the least sympathetic.

The hamadryas baboon, revered by the Ancient Egyptians and the subject of this absorbing book, is perhaps even more disquieting.

The males are much bigger than the females, and wear an elaborate mantle of silky fur; but this reaches barely to the hips leaving his bottom sensibilities, embarassingly unprotect ... furthermore, the large penis is driven exuberantly erect even by friendly interest and the hindquarters are resplendent at

Add to this females whose rear ends swell and glow when they become sexually receptive, and it is clear we are entering a minefield of behavioural possibilities.

The study of animai behaviour remains a problem for proper scientists. The search for objectivity too often involves an act of denial: they dare not incline towards the error of sentimentality. Anthropomorphism is seen as the sin of witchcraft: vet all observers know that understanding can only come from

sympathy with species, groups, with individuals. Kummer's account, translated by M. Ann Biederman-Thorson, of tracking down these elusive ani-mals in the Danakil Desert has a thoroughly enjoyable amount of speculation and subjectivity: for it is the bold personal document of a scientist whose reputation is safe. So: why spend your life studying monkeys? Well, we can start with a narrow objective, and ask - as Kummer. Professor of Ethology at the University of Zurich, does what the hamadryas baboon teaches us about ourselves.

For example, the baboons who white in zoos, under conditions of enforced idleness, liberated from Simon Barnes

IN QUEST OF THE SACRED BABOON: A Scientist's Journey By Hans Kummer Princeton University Press, £20

(or crippled by the removal of) the demands of making a living finding food, avoiding becoming food — have developed a measurably more elaborate, perhaps decadent, social life.

One group developed what Kummer calls "the mantle cult", in which the lone adult male's furry cloak became an object of something very like veneration: constant and obsessive grooming of the male

by the rest of the group became a major part of daily life: something neither other observer has seen in the wild. In this we can see mething like symbol, religion, and its development in "civilised:" (zoo-like?) life

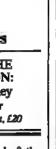
But Kummer finds the profoundest joys in what he terms "the Adam experience", the illurion of "an existence before humans had appeared and began to change every-thing". This is pre-cisely what I felt mysell, when I sat silent in the forest with a bushbuck unaware and five yards from my foot.

savours "the zooloist's dream of being accepted by wild animals, nourished by Kipling's Mowgli and Loft ing's Dr Dolinie". These were the heroes of my own youth, although I really wanted to be

Bagheera, the black panther. It is part of the dream of improving the human condition by attempting escape from it: to seek wisdom beyond species, among our

Not for what they can teach us about ourselves, but for their own sake. And not for the sake of the objective gathering of facts and observations, either. Kummer writes: "Pure research has its origin in the subjective, in a human being's almost unconscious but powerful longing to feel at home in the greater order of things."

Religion, he says, is the oldest path for the search. Kummer happened to choose the way of the sacred baboon; why not? The proper study of mankind is life.





The handwritten scrolls of the Torah, demonstrating the need to preserve Jewish tradition (from Symbols of Judaism by Marc-Alain Ouaknin, Editions Assouline, £35)

THE NAZI attempt at genocide did not destroy us, despite killing six Eastern Europe did not destroy us. despite virulent attacks in Poland. determined suppression under communism, and shameful language in Croatia and Hungary. Bernard Wasserstein argues that what is now destroying the Jews of Europe is our own apathy. Our birthrate is falling. Our attachment to Judaism is dwindling. Our intermarriage rate is rising. We are

destroying ourselves.

Wasserstein is an Impressive British-born historian, teaching at Brandeis University in Massachusetts. Like me, he finds a sense of Jewish future — in terms of scholarship - in America, not in Europe, though Jewish scholarship s growing slowly here owing to dedicated campaigners, Jews and non-Jews alike. But the centre has shifted, from the great traditional centres of Eastern Europe, and the heights of modern, academic study of Judaism in Germany, before the war, to America and Israel, where Jewish studies are commonplace on university campuses.

He likens the Jewish communities of Europe to the ancient community of Kaifeng in China.

The purpose of survival

Jews went there on the Silk Road, and a community persisted for eight centuries before merging into the surrounding culture. We Euro-pean Jews will also persist, by analogy, but will eventually forget why we still carry out a few Jewish rituals, and gradually assimilate completely into the surrounding

Or will we? I take this intensely personally, as a British Jewess of German origins. Whether we disappear is up to us. Wasserstein suggests some ways out of the apathy, including the replacement. gradually, of Jewish religious observance, clearly on the decline. with Jewish "culture".

THIS WAS first suggested serious-ly by the French Jewish intellectual Richard Marienstras, who argued that we could be Jews without necessarily being Jewish by reli-gion or by identification with Zionist nationalism, the two main ways we have identified ourselves since the Second World War. His answer lay in a renewal of Jewish Julia Neuberger

VANISHING DIASPORA The Jews in Europe since 1945 By Bernard Wasserstein Hamish Hamilton, £20

languages (Wasserstein also argues that one cannot have "culture" without language) such as Yiddish and Ladino: in the study of Jewish history; and in a "cultural politics of the diaspora".

Wasserstein does not believe this is likely, thought he gives it some credence. I believe it is possible. though languages will be relatively unimportant. If we can get our-selves away from an obsession merely with surviving, and begin to see a purpose in our survival, if we find messages in Judaism about the nature of family, community, and society to be shared with others irrespective of our personal belief in God or lack of it, then we might be able to create a "cultural politics

of the diaspora". If we can also welcome those non-Jews who marry our children, drawing them into our community rather than seeking to deny them, we might both make a stab at keeping our numbers up, and increase our intellectual and moral strength.

For Wasserstein is right when he

says, we will not succeed by sectarian Jewish day-school education, despite it being seen as the panacea for all ills by Jewish aders. The experience of the Roman Catholic Church, with its long history of separate schooling. has not been to increase observance, nor even identification. Nor will we do it by Zionist enthusiasm. The survival, should it happen, has to come out of our own conviction that there is within Judaism — its history, its cultures, its moral values, its religion, any aspect of its being — that which is worth preserving. We cannot maintain identity by bullying our young. But we should be able, in our families and our communal organisations, to enthuse them for something so

exciting intellectually, spiritually and morally that they would wish to seek it for themselves. If the excitement about values is there. then the absence of anti-Semitism. the acceptance in the wider world, will not kill our community by kindness. But if we cannot find anything worthwhile in our heritage, or do not even look, then we

will disappear.

THE WORLD from which my family comes, the rich world of German Jewry, was destroyed in hatred. The world in which I have grown up, of liberal tolerant Brit-ain with its acceptance of Jews postwar; has a place for a culturally, religiously and historically diverse group in its midst, which has a contribution to make to the common good. Unlike Wasserstein, I believe that in Britain and France. if our communal leadership were to be braver, more tolerant of those whose Jewish status is dubious. and less willing to give in to those who say we must keep our group "purely Jewish" by dismissing those who intermarrry, we could still have a chance of surviving, and prospering, and bringing something of spiritual and moral value into the wider domain.

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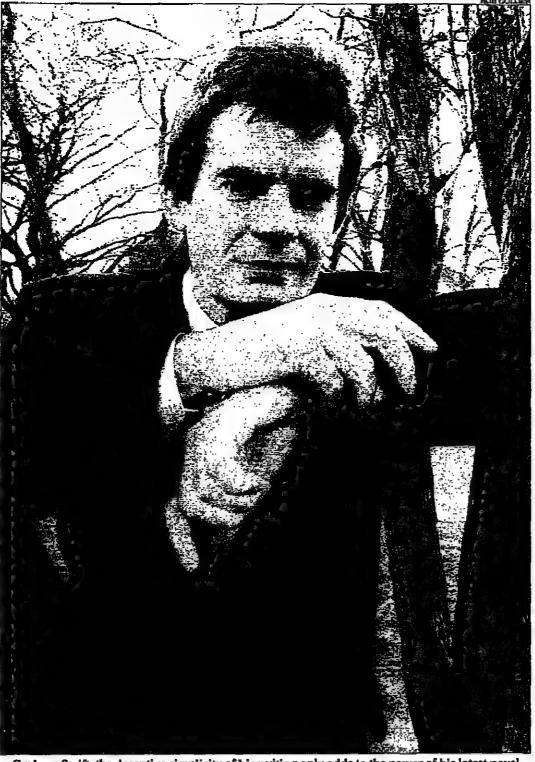
As the butcher turns to dust

lew novels of this century have taken on the weight of mod-ern myth, but William Faulkner's As I Lay Dying is one of them, a tortuous masterpiece about the Bundren family's journey to bury their mother, their lives unravel-ling while her corpse festers on the back of their cart. Rage. rivalry. illegitimacy, unwanted pregnancy, madness and the brutal elements conjoin to conjure a furious but transcendent vision of the Bundrens, and of the American South that spawned them.

In the hands of an uncertain talent, any reworking of this narra-tive—and particularly a contempo-rary, British reworking—would be folly, an invitation to bathos; but Graham Swift's new novel, Last Orders is a triumphant, and ultimately redemptive, adaptation of Faulkner's classic. It, too, is the tale of a journey to a burial, and in its telling Swift has taken up Faulkner's device of alternating named monologues. The novel is punctuated with more specific debts to its predecessor, both in form and in detail: and yet Last Orders is not mere pastiche. A resonant work of art in its own right, it confirms its author as one of his generation's finest, with an imagination of rare immediacy and vitality.

s perhaps befits its English-A ness, the novel explores largely the turmoil of an older generation rather than the demons of the young. Four men embark upon a day-trip from Bermondsey to Margate to scatter the ashes of the deceased butcher, Jack Dodds, in accordance with his last request. The youngest among them, his adopted son Vince, is over 40, a flashy car salesman who spurned his father's trade. The other three - Ray "Lucky" John-son, a man with a knack for the horses; a bellicose fruit and veg stall owner named Lenny Tate; and Vic Tucker, the dignified undertaker - are Jack's closest friends, for whom his death is a reminder that they too, are nearing the end of life's road. And yet they set off in Vince's borrowed Mercedes, on a sun-filled morning, in an aura not of doom but of festivity: "like it's something Jack has done for us, so as to make us feel special, so as to-.

The route to Margate offers unforeseen detours — to Rochester. to the naval memorial at Chatham. to a country hillside in Kent, and to Canterbury Cathedral - and provides each of the travellers with his own winding path of recollection, remorse and reprieve. What



Graham Swift: the deceptive simplicity of his writing only adds to the power of his latest novel

emerges is not only the pattern of almost gothic tragedy that has touched them all, but intimations of their entire Cockney world: of small businesses passed from father to son, of Smithfield market at dawn, of hours in the local pub and the betting shop. In this solidity there is both solace and deadening limitation, but every man in the

The novel offers voice to the absent women, too to Mandy. Vince's wife and above all to Amy, Jack's widow, who has declined to join the men. "My own journey to make. Their journey and mine . . . This is where I belong, upstairs on this bus ... Neither here nor there. just travelling in between", she reflects, on her way instead to visit

Mercedes has nurtured his share of

Claire Messud LAST ORDERS

By Graham Swift Picador, £15.99

her severely retarded daughter June. June has been the central tragedy of Amy and Jack's life, the wedge between them and their unbreakable bond. If June is lost to perpetual silence, so too are the other men's daughters: Ray's Susie. shunned Saily, who once loved, and was loved by, Vince Dodds; and Vince's own Kath, traded for a car sale to one of Vince's clients.

As in As I Lay Dying the funeral trip teases to the surface the roiling

resenuments and agonies of years: but Swift, in Last Orders allows for reconciliation, and even for hope. And while Faulkner's talent was to write himself into each of his characters, to insert improbable, magnificent passages of articulation into the minds of his creations. Swift has chosen to efface his writerliness almost entirely from this book: there is a deceptive simplicity in the novel's diction, a captivating authenticity in the voices it projects. This difference may be peak the distance between of excellence, between the work and the reworking; but readers should be in no doubt that Last Orders is an extremely fine novel, a surpassing testament to Swift's vibrant and

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Feeding time at the English zoo

wants to be a big book; a very big book. The biggest book, as Martin Amis might say: so this is Amis world we are dropping in on, an abbreviated tourist's trail around the eschatological highlights of post-modern urban life: a morning in the museum of decaying culture, into the rotting heart of the class system for lunch, and then out in time to watch our guide lift with the toe of his elegant boot the rock that England squirms under and let it come thudding down again.

Set in a penumbral, ubiquitously littered 1990s London, the novel purports to be the narrative of Scott Marshall, an American management consultant employed by a rapacious City firm. whose apparently limitless appetite for sweeping social discourse propels us through an unflagging and profoundly unpleasant autopsy of the country in which he finds himself.

It is to D. J. Taylor's credit that he doesn't even attempt to render the idiom of his narrator, opting instead for lofty, cut-glass prose. occasionally permitting the odd Americanism to bunk down in his exquisitely furnished vocabulary; but it does mean that the novel is awash with unattributed intelligence, rogue perceptions, and a central character so indistinct that he is driven to telling us what everybody else says about him, just so that we know.

According to one of these assessments, Scott is a "conceited little prick"; but this comes as something of a surprise - and comes, too, at the novel's end transforms the flight into a gesture of disownment, an authorial disclaimer designed to retract at the last minute what a few pages earlier looked like becom-

ing a grandiloquent j'accuse. Scott's story is the old fash-ioned kind, in which strands of mystery are amply paid out, to be frantically plaited into resolution for a final coup de théâtre. Rumblings are heard of a murderous management buy-out at the firm; an enigmatic new girlfriend is on the scene, the frequent comparison of whose legs to a pair of a scissors whets the appetite for some emasculabeen assigned to the accounts of Barry Mower, king of a pornography empire and now proprietor of an ailing Walham football club; and from over the Atlantic,

SETTLEMENT By D. J. Taylor Chano & Windus, £15.99

Scott's absentee Anglophile father is sending cryptic messages and threatening to visit. Taylor's grasp of life in the City is sure: the accountant's argot, the theistic greed, the computergame annihilation by which the besuited become the vagrant,

gathering their possessions into

black bin-liners. Despite some



Taylor: artful but contrived

interminable detours (the fulfilment of the jacket's promise of an "insider's view of how the City works", no doubt) down the long and featureless corridors of corporate history, the brute smell of a cruel and deeply masculine world waits through: a world of the antipathetical but proximate instincts of group behaviour and self-preservation.

Naintly implausibly. Scott's profession affords him access to the upper echelons of English society, where he beds a variety of Home Counties lovelies; encounters whose Laura Ashley leitmotif is deployed somewhat beyond endurance to entrap a world which remains disdainfully out of reach. The aristocracy, that tetchy and slumbering beast, swats at lightning tour of our national zoo. we're onto the next exhibit soon enough. A clunking gear change from high life to low brings us to Barry Mower, the porn mogul

rather less sharp one of her grandfather Michel-Charles.

In her unfailingly literary way, she evokes his life as a

fashionable young man in

Paris by describing the dan-

gerous young women in Bal-

zac that he would not have

Her picture of her father

Michel is the best and the

most intimate - his escape

from home to enlist in the

army, his desertion from the

army to live in England. his

desultory life of marriage and

taste for the unsophisticated ushers in that other English staple. football. Mower is a fine comic character, but chapters devoted to the subject of "How Barry does it" make excessive demands on our interest in him.

But as with so much else in this

curious novel. Mower and the world he occupies are described rather than captured, with a kind of anthropological zeal which holds empathy at bay. Taylor keeps the novel running like a documentarist's camera, while his characters meander fruitlessly through their recollections of times better, more interesting, than these. Incredible, really, muses Barry, "I mean, LCC development down in the East End. Old bomb sites down in Poplar and Shoreditch where the council was putting up flats and that ... fit a block of flats with duff circuits, say, and fix a maintenance deal with the council. It's always buggered, and they're always having to call you in, but if there's any trouble, well.

you just blame your suppliers." Born along on this tide of fin de siècle weariness, the novel looks set to subside into somnolence. despite the occasionally buoyant piece of personal clutter which floats to the surface. Scott's fear of choking - he once nearly died. of combined embarrassment and suffocation, when a piece of seafood lodged in his throat during a high-octane Manhattan business lunch - is a touching sign of life in an otherwise bloodless landscape, and his telephone conversations with his dreudful brother in Montana possess an animus lacking elsewhere.

All, however, founders on a rocky subplot concerning a female serial killer who cuts off men's genitalia and daubs the letters RAM (Revenge Against Men, stupid) on their bedroom walls: a cheap frill stitched with such inanely winking irony to the hem of the plot that when abruptly it falls off two thirds of the way through one hardly notices

Even a ponderous citation from Anthony Powell ("I began to brood on the complexity of writing a novel about English life") sionally dazzling, but more often artful, contrivance. English Sectlement sets out to take the big picture; but all we end up with is somebody else's photographs.

Wan elegy, vital imagery

eamus Heaney's first publication since win-ning the Nobel Prize is a translation undertaken with Stanislaw Baranczak, from a loth-century Polish poet. Heaney has always pursued poetry in every shape and form, but I would be curious to learn how Baranczak, a Polish scholar and poet and a colleague of Heaney's at Harvard, got him interested in the enterprise (always assuming it

was that way tound). Laments are a set of 19 elegies by Jan Kochanowski for his daughter Ursula, who. died at the age of two and a half. In his introduction, Baranczak describes the scandal caused by their publication in 1580. Contemporary taste, it appears, held that only great men were a fit subject for elegy and obituary. One is reminded of the paintings of the period. the children like scaled-down adults in family groups, the stiff little doublets and

farthingales. Kochanowski shows some of that stiffness too, as he mourns his daughter as his noet-heiress". a well-mannered girl who said her prayers, was good to the servants and curtsied nicely. It makes you realise that childhood was only invented much later.

either in the century of Rousseau or Mill or, most likely. Freud. Kochanowski's real tenderness towards what is in essence an effigy is an awkward proposition: he simply doesn't have the words and perceptions that would de-

credibly to us. And the status of the text in the original lanclear. Baranczak assures us that the poet practically vented Polish as a literary language, when many writers

were equally

proficient in Lat-

scribe a child

in. But even a translation by an English contemporary of Kochanowski's like Sidney or Ben Jonson (the author of On My First Daughter and On My Son, poems to his dead children) would not have matched the primary thrill of the Polish. The couplets of Heaney and Baranczak appear faithful enough (the Polish is printed en face, a bold and proud touch), but 600 years after Chaucer, 400 after Marlowe, they do have a certain routine to them.

consolation: and the re-strained, uneventful language

Michael Hofmann **LAMENTS** By Jan Kochanowski Faber, £12.99 and £6.99 SELECTED SHORTER POEMS By Luis de Gongora Anvil. 58.95

The result is almost a doumismatched naivety: Kochanowski, experienced Renaissance man and court poet. going through the gamut of philosophy and religion for

> of the translation. Only rarely does it rise beyond versification, as here, where the compression is almost proverbial. and set off with the deliberately botched rhyme: "We play at blind man's buff/ Until hard edges break into

our path." The final lament, a five-page dream poem, perhaps suggests why Heaney took this on: there are echoes of the elegies in Field Work, of the Dante transla-The Spanish poet Luis de

tions, of Station Island. Gongora (1561-1627, a genera-tion after Kochanowski) is the only poet I can think of whose name has spawned a noun. Gongorism, according to the dictionary, is "a literary style characterised by studied obscurity and the use of various

Gongora comes across as a poet of glittering images and tremendous rhetorical

imagination. Michael Smith's work in introducing and annotating the poems is an admirable bit of advocacy. He quotes Lorca on the poet: "Nothing can be more misguided than to read his madrigal to a rose with a rose in one's hand. Either the rose or the madrigal should be sufficient", to convey the abstractness and autonomy of Gongora's writing. His translations of the poems - mainly sonnets -

are rhymeless and unscanned. but they preserve the taut grace of the original, like these limes on an epitaph: "but they/ are honoured by immortal verse/ that shall persist in lettered tomb,/ Felixmena, the hard stone,/ Daliso the sculptor, their ills the chisel." One would "buy" Gongora just for those two last lines. The American poet Robert Lowell translated two of Gongora's poems in the mid 1960s, and they show what an impact he might have — has had — on English poetry: "The hours will hardly pardon us their loss./ those brilliant hours that wore away our days, our days that ate

THIS IS A memoir with difference. Very little of it actually comes from the memory of the author - the French historical novelist Marguerite Yourcenar, who was the first woman to be elected to the Académie Française, and who died in 1987.

The book is an account of her ancestors, from the Ancient Gauls down to her father. In the early chapters. she evokes the "virginal silence" of the wide Flanders marshes, when they were still without gods, monsters or men. By the 15th century she is able to distinguish names, such as Cleenewerck, which figure in her known ancestry. They are like tiny figures in the background of a painting by Bruegel or Bosch, she says and with the aid of history she conjures up an idea of how they might have thought and lived under the cruel rule of the Spanish crown. She establishes that her forebear Claire Fourment was the niece of both of Rubens's wives, and is diverted into a vivid little essay on Rubens's sensuous art - "like a lover in a bed, like a Triton in the water, he frolics

For her grandfather's time. she has much more information, mainly handed down to her through her family. By now their name had expanded to Cleenewerck de Crayencour ("Yourcenar" is an anagram), and they lived in Bailleul in

Delicate threads spun to the past

Derwent May

HOW MANY YEARS A Memoir By Marguerite Yourcenar Translated by Maria Louise Asche

French Flanders, just on the Belgian border. She draws a

Aidan Ellis, £30 sharp portrait of her bullying

Yourcenar: a dreamlike telling of her family's history

the book is, like the rest. written in the historic present tense — as if all is happening under our eyes, and yet all is just a fiction or a dream.

The whole story has a

strange feeling of remoteness. and one that is fortified by the author's fatalism and irony. She looks at photographs of her father as a child and as an old man, and comments that "the entire interval between them seems a vain confusion. an agitation with no point, a useless chaos that makes one wonder why it was necessary to pass through it at all." Her tale is like a delicate, ancient spider's web that could crumble at a touch — and one that she would be quite content to see crumble.

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SATURDAY BOOKS

The trials of an editor bringing a book to birth: Tunku Varadarajan on a Vietnamese Novel Without a Name: Christina Odone's first novel: plus paperbacks and more



The State We're In OUT NOW IN VINTAGE PAPERBACK WILL HUTTON

Christian Califano

your can distinguish yourself in any company.

Christian Califano, then no

more than 22, made his first

international appearance

against the All Blacks in

Christchurch in 1994 and

shared in France's memorable

His first task was to force

his way ahead of vastly more

experienced players in Lau-rent Seigne, Louis Armary and Laurent Bénézech and,

full of confidence after being

named the best tight-head in

France after his displays for

Toulouse, he did. His next

problem was his opponent, the

formidable Richard Loe, who

asks the sort of questions -

not all of them covered in the

law book - that few young

Califano's response was so

successful that he became an

immediate fixture in a France

team which has developed a

reputation for sound scrum-

maging. But his game offers

ar more than that. His ball

DIODS CHII RUSWET.

2-0 series victory.

IF you can hold your

own in New Zealand,

the chances are that

Five go out to fulfil great expectations



CHAMPIONSHIP

Lawrence Dallaglio

ET BREENO

THE maturing of Lawrence Dallaglio has been one of the more impressive aspects of England's recent progress. There was a time when it seemed a bright young talent might be lured too frequently to the sevens circuit, but the events of this season have provided an ap-propriate finishing school.

The pedigree was there -England schools, colts, under-21. students and A XV - and so was the physique. The doubt was the application. At 20, though, many a young player's head would have been turned by the invitations which flooded towards the England team that won the inaugural world sevens tournament in Edinburgh in 1993.

It took some time for England to trust him with an Ateam place, partly because they were uncertain about his best position. Dallaglio's capacity to play across the entire back row made him an ideal replacement, though his raw skills were sufficient to impress Jack Rowell, then the incoming manager, who took him with the senior side to South Africa in 1994.

But, with hindsight, the making of Dallaglio may prove to be the disruptions at Wasps caused by the autum-nal departure of Rob Andrew and Dean Ryan. The club made him captain at the age of 23. "I drew strength from that fulfil my hopes of international rugby, I would have to play very well every week." Dallaglio, a final-year student

at Kingston University, said. He gained a place on the bench against South Africa in November — when he won his first cap after injury to Tim Rodber — and was retained for the meeting with Western Samoa last month. He needs time to learn the different lines of the open-side flanker but the three-year wrangle as to jersey could well be over.

David Hands, rugby union correspondent, profiles players with the potential to turn their national teams' hopes into championship glory over the next two months



Dallaglio's sevens technique is proving a valuable asset

HELAND ...

Kurt McQuilkin

THE New Zealand thread which now runs through Irish rugby takes its physical manifestation on the pitch from the national side's newest centre, Kurt McQuil-kin. Not that McQuilkin achieved All Black status before beginning his three-year residential qualification for Ireland, but his understanding of the requirements of the new coach, Murray Kidd, will be vital to Ireland's wellbeing.

McOuilkin was born not far from Kidd in King Country, New Zealand. He enjoyed a provincial career with North Auckland and King Country before joining Bective Rang-ers, the Dublin club coached by his father, Noel; he became eligible for Ireland last November and, even at the comparatively advanced age of 29, was rushed in to the side.

His play for Leinster this season clearly demonstrates why. Not only does he have the speed off the mark and the strength to take his team over the advantage line, he per-forms automatically all the humdrum chores which are second nature to New Zealanders - the obvious defen-



McQuilkin: works hard

covering of the weaknesses of others, the acceptance of responsibility.

One piece of work for the province against Pontypridd was outstanding. Off balance as the Welsh club attacked, he had the wit both to cover a cross kick when his full back had been submerged and to hook away the clearance, almost over his shoulder. The debut cap against the United States earlier this month was almost a matter of course.

He plays in the position that Kidd himself occupied as a player. Since John Mitchell, the former Walkato No 8, is assisting Kidd this season, it makes sense to follow their train of thought through to the

BY RAVMOND KRIENE

CHEES CORRESPONDENT

At Simpson's in the Strand

earlier this week the new

Martell League for London

clubs was launched, with Bar-

It will be a knockout tourna-

ment and first-round pairings

include: Rochampton Club v

The Savile Club; The RAC v

Simpson's; Brooks's Club v

ry Martin as the organiser.



Califano has quickly become a formidable addition to the French armoury

SEPTEMBER 1

Bryan Redpath

POUND for pound, there will be few smaller players in this. season's championship than Bryan Redpath, the Melrose scrum half. At a shade over 5ft 6in and 11 stone, he represents one of rugby union's enduring triumphs, that of the smaller man in the land of giants.

More than that, though Redpath, 25, has quickly emerged from the shadows to become one of the vital cogs in the Scotland engine. Like Graeme Bachop for New Zealand, his swift hands and instant decision-making buy leagues, while his physique puts a premium on skill.

Like so many players these days, his grounding in the game includes a summer in New Zealand, where he learnt that the scrum half's repertoire should include a sound defence. Rednath has a welldeserved reputation for tackling, which helped him initally towards A caps and a tour to the South Pacific in 1993 before his debut international, as a replacement, against New Zealand later that year.

Two-thirds of his 15 caps came last year. Before that, he had to contest a place with Andy Nicol and Derrick Patterson while overhead lurked the presence of Gary Arm-strong. It speaks volumes for his character that he has shrugged off such challenges to emerge as first choice in his own right; the self-employed joiner has become the target of



Redpath has become the target of several English clubs

several clubs south of the

The challenge for Redpath now is to forge an alliance with Gregor Townsend. Hitherto, he has partnered Craig Chalmers, his club stand-off half, but Scotland have opted for the electric Townsend and so Redpath must help him to adjust to the demands of a position which he has occupied only intermittently in international rugby. Aiready Townsend has expressed appreciation of his pass; Redpath is confident enough in his own speed off the mark to ask questions himself of opposing defences. though he will hope for better possession than that supplied by his pack against Italy A

handling is utterly secure and his mobility about the field, at lost 71b, makes him a formidable addition to the French

Anyone watching his dis-plays in the Heineken Cup this season, notably in Toulouse's winning final against Cardiff, will bear witness to his prowess (the more remarkable since a rib injury had forced him off the field a week earlier against Swansea) and one of the cameos of the game with England on Saturday will be his clash with Graham Rowntree, so similarly accomplished.

Employed by Aerospatiale Toulouse, Califano has won 16 caps in just 18 months. His secure technique at the scrum in the cornerstone position is jumpers, which has helped to improve France's lineout so significantly. His three years with Toulouse make him familiar with the all-round game that Jean-Claude Skrela, the France coach and himself a product of Toulouse, seeks to use and his youth ensures a lengthy spell in the



Thomas: pace and vision

Justin Thomas

IF there is one position on the field in which a player of vision may profit, it is full back; if there is one quality with which that player needs pace. In Justin Thomas, Wales have found a happy marriage of both — now all they need to do is release him.

Thomas stands at the head of the new breed of youngsters who have been fed in to the national XV over the past ten months, symbolising the hope that the dragon's fire can indeed be rekindled. He has thrilled crowds at Llanelli with his poise and fluent counter-attacking skills and, above all, with the confidence of youth in a country whose patience has been sorely tested

Thomas, then 21, made his debut in the daunting surrounds of Ellis Park, Johannesburg, last September, when his slight frame looked unlikely to challenge the ram-paging South African forwards. Yet Thomas played his part in a brave defensive display. His catching of the high ball is good but it is in attack that his gifts really

He has the pace of a wing and the timing of a stand-off backs in a variety of positions, his great strength is inter-play with his wings, who this season may well turn out to be his club colleagues, leuan

Evans and Wayne Proctor. But he has the footballer's instinctive knowledge of the moment when hest to attack and the place where the enemy is weakest. Since he is unlikely to break defences with the sheer strength upon which so many modern backs depend, his sidestep is an invaluable weapon with which to puncture the first line and his speed can then carry him considerable distances.

Last season, Thomas, a development officer for the Welsh Rugby Union, was named the most promising player in the country. Promise has now to be turned into fulfilment and that will not happen overnight. When it does, it will be exciting to see.

By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent This is a hand from a pairs event, shown to me by my old partner Chris Dixon. It illustrates the theme of 'side-suit first'.

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Contract: Five Clubs by South. Lead: jack of clubs

At some tables East opened Three Hearts, and when South was playing double for penalties (not greatly used nowadays) the final contract was Three Hearts doubled. The normal play in the heart suit, with no other indications. is to lead towards the king. However, with the likelihood that South has all the hearts East can restrict him to two tricks by starting by leading low towards the ten. That way East makes nine tricks if South doesn't find his dia-

 mond ruff. Some Souths played Five Clubs, and received the best lead of a trump. You might think that with ten trumps between the hands it does no harm to draw a second trump, but if you did that you are guilty of a fundamental mistake, of not counting our tricks. Say you win the second trump in dummy, and belatedly play a diamond. The

defence will switch to hearts or

spades, and though after each ruff in dummy you can ruff a diamond in hand, by the time the fifth round is established you have no way back to

are in dummy to cash it.

☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

to establish the diamonds -N#3 d4 after ruffing a diamond you cash the major suit aces and eventually at the end of the 5 Nc3

POGUE a. A scoundrel, bounder b. A bag, purse, wallet

c A comfortable shoe

RAKSHI a. A Tibetan liquor b. A Japanese tea-bowi c. A malignant demon

dummy. The correct technique is to count your tricks: five trumps

in hand, two aces and three ruffs - ten tricks in all. To make eleven you have to establish the diamonds, and the way to do that is to play a diamond at trick two. Then if the defence continue trumps to thwart your cross-ruff plan, you win the trump in dummy. Now you are in the right hand cross-ruff the fifth diamond becomes established and you

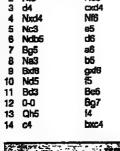
WOHD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

PONTIANAK a. A Cumbrian motor-cur b. A type of vampire c. An Italian draw-bridge OLINGO

a. A small nocturnal mammal b. Sicilian slang c. A chat-up line

Answers on page 46



Bg6 Rif6 Qe6 Qxx5 Qxx5 Qxx5 Qc1+ Rif6 s4 Kh6 Hurlingham; Chelsea Arts Club v RAC B team; East India Club v Hurlingham B 34 Rc2 The first-round opponent for the BBC team is yet to be

Blazing bishops The following brilliant game was played in a subsidiary tournament at Hastings this year. Black sacrificed a rook for a minor piece in order to

bishop pair. Black: Cherniaev Hastings Weekend Tourna-

dominate the board with his

ment, January 1996

Diagram of final position MINION S

playing side if possible and, in McQuilkin, who works as a

development officer for the

Irish Rugby Football Union,

they have the perfect vehicle

He will bring a sense of

stability to the midfield which

Ireland have an attacking

back three in Staples, Geog-

hegan and Wallace which they

must use to advantage but

they cannot do so without

precision timing from the

stand-off and inside centre. McQuilkin is also strong

enough to hold up the ball until his back row arrives to

build the next wave of attacks;

if he can do the hard work, he will be content for the speed of

others to carry them to glory.

Nd4 Rc8 Rxx4 0-0 f5 Nxx2 bxx4 Bt5

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Rec1 Nb6

has been absent too long.

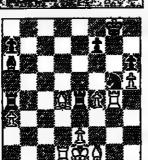
Times chess book

Improve your game with Ray Keene's book, The Times Winning Chess, published by Batsford at £9.99 (credit card orders may be made to 01376

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By Raymond Keene

White to move. This position is from the game Agdestein — Hodg-son, Hastings Premier 1991. As well as being a world class chess player, Norweigan grandmaster, Simen Agdestein, has also played international football. Here he demonstrates his chess skill with a fine finish. White to play and win.



SOMEWHAT to his surprise, Dean Richards will find himself in Paris this weekend, though not in the England team that will open the 1996 five nations' championship against France. The Leicester captain, added to the squad at the weekend, takes his place among the replacements after the withdrawal of Tim

Rodber.

On Sunday, there were doubts over Rodber, who was demoted to the beach after the game against Western Samoa, and Ben Clarke, the chosen No 8. Rodber damaged knee and ankle ligaments playing for Northampton, while a scan revealed that Clarke was carrying a groin injury. When England trained in bright sunshine at Roehampton yesterday, however, Clarke declared himself fit.

"There may be repercussions after training but Ben and the doctors are confident he will be fit," Jack Rowell, the team manager, said. "The rest and some treatment have done him good." It is no criticism of Clarke to

suggest that Richards, 32, the Parc des Princes, given the will sponsor the match.

England leave Richards in reserve By David Hands, rugby correspondent English ones of fortitude and rudderless displays against discipline, which Richards

earlier this month.

South Africa and Western Samoa. After the defeat by New Zealand in the World "A lot of rugby is about Cup semi-final, there seemed doing the basics well, about being efficient for 80 minutes. to be no international future for Richards but he remains that's what England should be good at," Rowell said. "If we do the basics right one of the commanding figwe have a clear chance of In training last Sunday, the work of the forwards lacked victory but we need to fence focus and even Rowell admitthe French in. France this year ted that the qualities required look to have a well-balanced against the French in Paris where England last lost in work in place and all they are

doing is in-filling, rather than

Lomu on wanted list

OVERSEAS players of the calibre of Jonah Lomu and Francois Pienaar have been approached to take part in the game at Twickenham on April 21 that will inaugurate the celebration of 125 years of the Rugby Football Union (David Hands writes). Leicester, the 1995 league

ures in the domestic game.

1988 — were the traditional

champions, will play an RFU President's XV designed to include two players from each of the leading rugby-playing countries, and certainly two would be a valuable asset at from Japan, as Sanyo Electric

£100,000 from the game, though a lot depends on the crowd," Peter Wheeler, the Leicester chief executive, said yesterday. He is hoping for a crowd of 25,000, although if the guest XV includes players such as Philippe Sella and Michael Lynagh, who have also been approached, it may

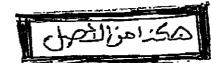
The bigger the crowd, the more the leading clubs will benefit as Leicester intend to share some of the profits throughout the first division.

replacing the spine of the team, which is what we are having to do." England have prepared a

video which concentrates on the two new centres, Thomas Castaignede and Richard Dourthe, who made so strong an impression during the autumn series against New Zealand. Rowell admires France's ability to introduce two 20year-olds to international rugby, though he will look to the established pair of Will Carling and Jeremy Guscott to close them down.

"If we are underdogs for this game, we have not talked that way ourselves," Rowell said. "This will be a tough game, tough for France too. They have players new to the championship; they may take time to adjust."

Not if Jean-Claude Skrela. the France coach, can help it. Skrela hopes his side can prove that victory in the thirdplace play-off match in the World Cup in Pretoria was no fluke. Toulouse showed [in the Heineken Cup final] you can impose your own game by playing total rugby," Skrela said. "It's up to us to follow their example."



Irish jockey extends title lead with Nottingham treble

McCoy rises to first century

TONY MCCOY, the rising star among National Hunt jockeys, reached a personal landmark yesterday when hoisting his 100th winner of the season on Amber Valley in the opening Bradmore Novices' Selling Hurdle at Nottingham. The rider went on to complete a near 22-1 treble aboard Maneree and Teinein.

It will surely be the first of many centuries for McCoy, 21, who crossed the Irish Sea just 19 months ago. But his feat, noteworthy though it is, will pale into insignificance if the Ulsterman can maintain his healthy lead in the race for the jockeys' title. He is 20 winners clear of the chasing David

HICHARD ENAMES

Nap: APACHEE PLOWER (3.10 Ludlow) Next best: Danjing (1.10 Ludlow)

The Times Private Handicapper (Gerald Hubbard) top-rated Strathmore Lodge (8-1) at Not-tingham yesterday.

Bridgwater, who drew a blank at Windsor.

"It's good to get the hundred up at last," McCoy said. "I'm certainly going to give the title my best shot — I just hope I keep fit and sound. I thought I'd get the ton before Christmas, but all the racing being abundoned put a stop to that."

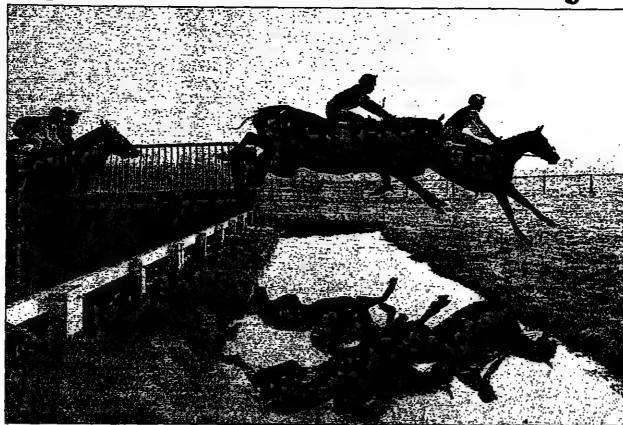
Indeed, inclement weather robbed McCoy of the chance to better Peter Scudamore's record for the fastest century on record. Much of his success. is down to his willingness to trawl the country. No jockey has been more active than the hungry youngster, who has taken 394 mounts to date. Yet his strike rate, at a shade over

1.20 Kadari

1.50 Vallent Tooki

Going: Good to Soft (Soft in Places)

(52,499; 2m 3f 110yd) (13 funcers)



Lay It Off leads over the water on her way to victory at Windsor yesterday. Photograph: Hugh Routledge

GUIDE TO OUR IN-LINE RACECARD

BETTING: 8-4 Mister Morosa, 9-4 Crast Co., 4-1 Chaptensi, 16-1 Hanging Grove, Tora Princis, 20-1 Purbool. Revolvier, Ludy Fernicagon, 33-1 offers.

FORM FOCUS

CRACK ON completed decide, bind The Grey Friar 88 in corner turnin at Tourester (2m, soft) MISS-TER MICHOESE completed decides, bent Hooding China on Michoese Soft at Wincardon Crit, good in soft), CHAPRASSI best Chair-Yo 71 in Mational Hard First are at Wincardon Crit, good in the China of the China of the China of the China of Miss Sci 521 Sto of 12 to Call The Gay/nor on nonce hards are at Fullestone (2m I) 11074, good). HAMSSING GROWE about 291/16 Big of 18 to High

3.20 RICKENHALL NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£4,177; 2m 3f) (14 ruspers)

Long bandicap: Durington 9-12, Tango's Delight 9-3, Durens Contractor 8-12, Brown Robber 8-8

3.50 YARCOMBE NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE

BETTING: 9-2 Cooline, 5-7 Ferrenck, 6-1 Southampion, Durlagian, 10-1 Sovereign Mecha. 12-1 Genyloogh, Cherreal Pastatio, 14-1 offices.

SOUTHAMPTON 30 and of 14 to Ancie Kleamen in notice chase at latester (2m 11, good in soft). Sovereless NetCHE 93 and of 9 is Sophisms at setting harditage chase at Easter (2m 21, good in soft), COOLREC best Millio Mallet 41 in 5-mms provises harditage chases at Easter (2m 21, good in soft), COOLREC best Millio Mallet 41 in 5-mms provises harditage chases at Forthwell (2m 21, soft) and good) FENMICK heat COOLREC (5th bester all).

Long basedicap: Altahnakba 9-13, Huish Cross 9-7, Kings Brompton 8-10, BETTSMS: 5-2 All Clear 9-2 Holle Mary Dell, 7-1 Distant Horne 8-1 Carelesa Farmer, Allahnakha, 10-1 King's Gold, 12-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

ALL, CLEAR best effort beat Johid 31 in selling notice burdle at Taunton (2m 11 good notice burdle at Universit (2m, good). LAKE KARI-BA 2nd in conditions rate at Gowten Park (1m 61, good). KNMS'S GOOD. 1871 Set of 16 in Kingdom 10 States in marken burdle at Langfield (2m 110yd, teary). HANDSON 71 2nd of 14 to Yobrake in Selection: ALL CLEAR

223:00 TEBN JAY 12 (D.F.G.S.) (Germin Associates) R Storage 6-12-0 ... R Stronge 90 SMASSP. ALLEY MUNIS 27: (D.G.S.) (Mer. C. Hardway) N Heridiston 7-12-0 M A Pizagandi of 130-60 TEST MATCH 7 (G.S.) (Mer. C. Hardway) N Heridiston 7-12-0 M A Pizagandi of 130-60 TEST MATCH 7 (G.S.) (K Obtion) W Clay 9-11-9 ... Gene 10-11-8 G Drone (7) 83 111122 SOCIETY GUEST 387 (F.G.S.) (R Delandson Windster 130) A Turnel 10-11-8 G Drone (7) 83 148426 MARILIS 55 (D.B.S.) (Miss A Andrews) J (Ellori 6-11-4 ... P Hole 86 243-12 Holl) YOUR RANNS 65 (D.S.) (B Sevent) R Final 9-11-3 ... J Frost 90 2275-21 BLAZON 0F TROY 15 (F.G.S.) (D Wilson) T Thornson James 7-11-3 G Torriey (3) 91 15049 PEGNY 725F (S.) (R Delandson) R Balter 6-11-0 ... V Stattery 2-23564 THE ELACK MUNIK 35 (V.D.F.B.S.) (Pipa Resimp) M Pipe 8-110-0 D Strictural CG 122-04 SOLDIMOS (B CD.S.) (E Pitcs) F Pitcs 9-10-8 ... D Walter (5) 81 51-04-8 SPORTS MEW 15 (D.B.F.S.) (I Walter) R Hodges 7-10-7 ... A P McCoy 91 22-0445 DRESS DIVISE 17 MES, I Proved) N Matched 8-10-1 Sophe Michael (5) 92 40042-0 NORDIC CROWN 98 (CD.S.S.) (405200 Resimple N.S.) (Pascourine 6) B Moone (7) 90 (P-4620) MLSTARIA 7 (B.D.P.) (Marchin) 9.1 Descourine (5) B8

Long hamilicage. Nortic Crown 9-19, Musighil 9-8. BETTING: 3-1 Bason Of Troy, 5-1 Hold Your Ranks, 7-1 Sports View, Marios. 8-1 Affez Wijins. Society Guess, 12-1 Test Jay, 14-1 others.

MARKUS 24:1 2nd of 16 to Lightening Lad in handicap hardis at Lineaster (2m 4f 11byd, good) to handicap hardis at Lineaster (2m 4f 11byd, good) soli) on predaminate start, with SPORTS VIEW (4h better off) tabled off 13h. HOLD YOUR RANGS that 2m of 15 to Jackid hin handicap hurdis at Lineaster (2m 4f 11byd, good) SPORTS VIEW short-based 2nd of 6 to 15h Carriers (2m 15 m) short (2m 15 m) short (2m 15 m) short (2m 15 m) short (2m 15 m) short (2m 15 m) short (2m 15 m) short (2m 15 m) short (2m 15 m) short (2m 15 m) short (2m 15 m) on finel start (2m 15 m) short (2m 15 m) short (2m 15 m) on finel start (2m 15 m) short (

4.20 CURLAND HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,884 2m 1f) (14 runners)

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2.50 BH NATIONAL HUNT MOVICES HURDLE

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(Qualifier: £3,609: 2m 3f 110yd) (14 runners)

26 per cent, is unmatched in the weighing room.

McCoy's rise has been even more spectacular than that of Adrian Maguire, who, like McCoy, stationed himself with. Toby Balding on his arrival from Ireland. Their careers are regularly compared; while Maguire has yet to be champion jockey, his adversary is quoted at 9-4 on by William Hill to prevail at the season's

McCoy, rode a record 74 winners as a conditional jockey last season and only lost his claim II months ago. A mea-

TAINTON

The Times Private Handicepper's top rating: 1.20 TICKERTY'S QIFT.

1.20 LEVY BOARD JAMUARY CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP HURDLE

BETTING. 3-1 Hydrican Caselor, 4-1 Technoly's Bill, 11-2 Descript Event, Kader, 10-1 Floor De Tat, 14-1 Miss. Scutter 16-1 others.

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2.20 STEPHEN LITTLE AND DICK REYNOLDS BOOKMAKERS HANDICAP

SETTING 2-1 Screen State 5-1 Bookenfield, Hill Trix, 6-1 Revende Boy, 6-1 (soly Late, Souley Bay 13-1 2/Dect, 16-1 Ridentia, 25-1 offers

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20%, Mrs S D Williams, 4 from 27, 14 8%; K Bishop, 5 from 37, 13 5%.

JOCKEYS: M Richards, 9 winners trom 40 ndes, 22.5%; G McCourt, 5 trom 24, 20.8%, A McCoy, 6 from 31, 19.4%, 5 Curran, 3 from 18, 18.8%; D Bndgweter, 10 from 66, 15.2%, M Fizgerald, 18 from 120, 15.0%.

Long handicap, Kileston 9-4. Cythere 9-2. Friddens Pale 8-11. All Clap Hands 7-9

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2.50 Crack On

3.20 Garrylough 3.50 All Clear

sure of his impact on the British scene was evident from his four rides at Nottingham yesterday. All were for trainers other than Balding and Paul Nicholls, his principal

source of rides.

McCoy is at present without a ride in the Champion Hurdle, but Maguire will be hoping to confirm his when he partners Montelado in the AIG (Europe) Irish Champion Hurdle at Leopardstown on Sunday. Montelado has raced over hurdles just once in 34 months, but was in imperious form on the Flat in October.

The gelding is quoted at 9-2 second favourite for Cheltenham behind Alderbrook.

It could well be a memorable Cheltenham Festival for Ireland. Sound Man, trained by Edward O'Grady and fa-vourite for the Queen Mother Champion Chase, is to warm up in the Comet Chase at Ascot on February 7, unless the ground is heavy. Among his possible opponents is his compatriot, the Paddy Burketrained Strong Platinum, secfavourite for

clash between the

Boing an which force has wan (F — Brat, good to fall throw, hard, G — good, S — soft, good to self, hasay). Owner in brancher's, France: Age and weight. Rider plus are allowances. The Times Private Handicapper's solong.

would amount to something more than a dress rehearsal and O'Grady yesterday confirmed his intention to run at Ascot. "That is the race I'm going for and the others can do what they want," he said. Burke was equally adamant.
"I wouldn't be a bit bothered by Sound Man," he retorted. It may be early days, but the

budding rivalry in the Irish camps could yet match that between the connections of Danoli and Doran's Pride last season. That would undoubtedly add spice to an aiready savoury Cheltenham Festival.

> YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Going: adl 1.10 Sm 6l 110yd hdiej 1, Mystic Isle (C Lewshyn, 11-2; 2, Pine Station (f-2; 3, Plangton (11-4 tay) 16 nen NR, Absolutely Average, 11, 20, N Gaseles, Tota: E7.50; 21-60, 2190, 2210, DF 215.70, Trot 20 80, CSF-226.24

1.40 (2m hdis) 1, Darter (S Ryen, 13-6 tav); 2, Boker (R-2); 3, Salep (33-1), 17 ran, 9(3), R Avehure: Tote: £2.30, £1.20, £2.50, 40 DF; £4.50, Tno £150.90, CSF £10.33

2.10 (2m 8f 110yd holis) 1, No Flotilling (P Crowley, 3-1 lav), 2, Little Chrisk (85-1); 3, Adyment 16-1) 1 67 at 6, 12, M withdrason, Jole: E3 80, E1 60, E32 50, E1 70. DF E18830. Trin: E311 20 (part work pool of E388 93 carred forward to 1 40 at Luciow locky), CSF E152 05

1008y), CSF 5152.06 2-40 (Sm ch) 1, Lay 8 Off (5 Curren, 6-1); 2, Bellympyr (11-2); 3, Bolly Clover (20-1), 4, Cusrry House (14-1) Garman Commender 15-8 (Sm. 16 san, 1r.); 22 JJ O'Nell Tote. 59-20, 51 70, 52-10, 55-80, 57-70, DF: 527-50 Tro: 599-90, CSF: 253-81 Troast: 5907-85.

2807-89. 3,10 (2m hdie) 1. Kelly Mar. (C Uewellyn, 6-1); 2, Persasjent Guhmer (16-1); 3, Bishopa Castle (12-1) Daily Sport Grif 31-4 fay, 12 ran. Hd, 9t. D O'Bnen, Tote: £7,00; £2,00, £2,60, £3,30, DF £34,50 Trio, £50,80, CSF £97-85 Thcass; £1,059-86

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3.40 (2m 85 ch) 1, No Pain No Gain (P Hide, 4-7 day); 2, Dom Samoura (12-1), 3, Hawkfield (10-1), 18 ran, 194, 201 J Gdford Toter £1,70, £1 fb, £2,30, £1,60, DF £10.50, Tho: £14 10, CSF £11,11
4,10 (2m 41 hide) 1, Carnbo (D Stoyma, 53-1); 2, Danger Baby (33-1); 3, Ramasan (10-1); 4, Star Merket (12-1), Nessun Doro 5-1 tw. 18 ran, 194, 194 M Banks Tota, £29,00; £4 10, £11,80, £2,70, £4 30, DF £33 10, Title £437.90 (part wort; pool of £93,48 camed forward to 1 40 at Ludlow lodely CSF: £757.32 Thosas: £9,93 35
Placepott £170,30. Quadpott £35.40.

Piacepol: E170.20. Quadpot: £85.40.

1.20 (2m hdis) 1, Amber Valley (A P McCoy, 100-901; 2, Kindakoota (10-1); 3, Zingber (5-2 lay) 19 ran 51, 41 D Williams Tota: E 50, E160, E240, E130, DF £10.80 Tricx £12.90, CSF £40 49 No bid

1.50 (3m 110yd ch) 1, King Ludter (A Maguire, 4-5 tav, Thumderer's nap), 2. Dese Mershall (50-1); 3, Jeckson Fini (4-1) 12 mn NR Andre Laval, Cethr Town. Lay h Off 34, dist D Nicholson Tore £1 40, £1 10, £22 00, £120 DF £43 60 Tro: £17 0, £55 £46 06, Alter a stawards' routive, mast stood.

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2.20 (3m 110)d (1) 1, Manerea (A P McCoy, 8-13 izv. Newmarket Correspondent's rap), 2, Haristown Lady (4-1); 3, Calabrese (12-1), 5 ran. 21, 11, N Callaghan Tote: £1 60: £1.10, £2.50, DF: £2.30, CSF £3.36

538,31 Tricast £109 12.
3.50 (2m St 110)vd holio) 1, Strathmore Lodge (M Newton, 8-1, Private Handicapper's top rating); 2, Old Hebts (12-1), 3, Uncle Keery (10-1); 4, Campalgn (8-2 tav) 20 ran. NR1 Celtz Reg. Magamanich Nt. 141, Jufferson Tous, £11.60; £2.00, £2.70, £3.20, £1.80. DF £101.20 Tno: £175.10 CSF-£104.70 Tricast £264.04

Jackpot: not won (pool of £3,708.66 carried forward to Taumton today).

Going: standard 2.00 (2m 46yd) 1, Shaldyr (R Cochrane, 5-2), 2, Mingawle (2-1 tarl; 3, Ballymac Gri (10-1) 8 ran. 4l, 111 R Holinshead Tote: 52.30 (2-1.0 Ct 30, 51,70 DF 52.50, CSF 57.34 Tricest: 534.18

23.13
3.30 (1m 4f) 1. Magic Junction (T less, 12-1), 2, Martie Bay (7-2); 3, Opera Buti (3-1), Our Tom 5-2 fav 9 ran, NN, rik Lard Humingdon Tote 10120, 22.10, 22.60, 21.10 DF: 699.00 Trio 526.20 CSF-530.29, Tricast 5146.00
4.00 (5f) 1, Boffly (lona Wands, 100-30 (l-lev), 2, Manno Street (100-3 (l-lav), 3, Red Acuese (13-2) 12 ran, 21, Wt. B Baugh Tote: 23.70, 52.10, 51.20, 51.70 DF: 65.50. Trio 521.20, CSF-51.493 No bid
4.30 (70.1.2 Refrances IN Cartiste 13-2)

227.2. CSP-12149 NO DOI: 4.30 (7) 1. Briganoone (N. Cariste, 13-2), 2. Agent (2-1 lev)* 3. Mytfons Mistake (9-2), 9 ran Nk, 13-1. S. Bowning, Tote: 129.20; 52.40, 6.7.0, 6.11 O. Pet. 7.40 The: 15.80 CSP-1218.81 Tricast: 158.63

Wolverhampton

Nottingham

Going: good to soft

Windsor

Tarawa heads market

TARAWA, impressive win-ner of the Ladbroke Autumn Handicap last season, was yesterday made the sponsor's favourite to open his 1996 Flat campaign with a victory in the William Hill Lincoln.

The improving four-year-old, who won three races and finished third in a listed race between September and De-cember, heads the betting at 12-I, having been set a weight of 9st 4lb.

Ladbrokes make Tarawa a 16-I chance alongside Delta Soleil, while Coral make Sharp Prospect their 12-1 joint-favourite with Tarawa. Tarawa's trainer. Neville Callaghan, said yesterday: "I thought I would enter the horse and have a look. He hasn't even cantered yet, but he is not the sort of horse

will probably go straight there without a run on the all-weather. I am quite sur-prised that he is favourite.

That's not a good start, is it?"
The Mark Johnston-trained Celestial Key and Decorated Hero, from the John Gosden stable, are joint-top weights on 9st 10lb

LEADING WEIGHTS

to the Flat turf season at Doncaster on March 23. The mile contest has attracted 122 entries, including

the last three winners, Rov-ing Minstrel (8st 8lb), Our Rita (7st 11lb) and High Premium (7st 3lb). David Hood, of Hills, said that his firm would again be sponsoring the Spring Mile on the Friday as a consolation race for those horses

who fail to make the cut for

the Lincoln proper. Hills bet 12-1 Tarawa, 14-1 Beyond Doubt, 16-1 Billy Bushwacker, Decorated Hero, Delta Soleil, Sharp Prospect, 20-1 Beauchamp Jazz, Bernard Seven, Celestial Choir, Hand Craft, Moving Arrow, Night Dance, Roving Minstrel, Samwar,

LUDLOW

THUNDERER 12.40 Master Tribe. 1.10 DANJING (nap). 1.40 Take A Flyer, 2.10 Turning Trix. 2.40 Newhall Prince. 3.10 Apachee Flower, 3.40 Pimberley Place, 4.10 Potter's Gale.

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1.40 REENTON SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE

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6 D-6F TAKE A FLYER 17 (D.F.G) R Hodges 6-10-12 B Powed 1
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8 8103 SAFE SECRET 45 (F) R Brotherion 5-10-11 J Osborne 9
9 F2F6 REIGNING ROYAL 64 D Burchell 5-10-8 J Prior (7) 1
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2.10 TEMBURY HANDICAP CHASE (£3,935: 3m) (9) 1 8-55 DON'T TELL THE WHE 12 (C.S.S.) C Regeton 10-12-0 J Deborns 9.3
2 301F BRENDPS BLAND 7 (D.B.I.) Main M Ringle 10-12-0
3 -55P PETTY BRODGE 29 (D.F.Q.S.) A James 12-11-2 W Marshin 88
4 00-1 TURNING TRIX 13 (C.B.S.) D Recheson 9-11-1 A Magaine 9.5
5 64CP PELL WALK 12 (D.F.G.S.) R Decheson 9-11-1 A Magaine 9.5
6 44PP POWDER BOY 12 (D.F.G.S.) R Hodges 11-10-3 ... B Prival 9.5
7 11-U DERRYMONS 222 (V.C.D.B.F.G.S.) M Pion 10-10-3 J Lower 88
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4 3241 DAWRI CHANCE 34 (D.F.G) R Hodges 18-10-10 B Powel 94
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6 OPPy LEINTHALL FOX 512 (S) J Resident 10-10-3 D Gallegher
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COURSE SPECIALISTS

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Uefa facing legal threat over clamp on imports

THE European Commission said yesterday that it would of European football, to comply with the European Court of Justice ruling on transfers and restrictions on foreign players and would take "necessary measures" if Uefa did

"Nobody in the [European] Union (EU) is above the law, a Commission spokesman Nikolaus van der Pas, said. He said the Commission had discussed a statement by Uefa that it was maintaining its rule that limits the number of players clubs can use in Uefa competitions to three foreigners and two "assimilated" players (that is, those who have lived in the country for

Aime Jacquet, the France coach, last night opened the door for Eric Cantona and David Ginola, despite leaving them out of his squad to play Portugal next week. "Ginola and Cantona are of international calibre — I can't shunt them aside," he said. "It will depend on their output between now and Euro 96."

five years or played youth football there).

The Commission had decided to write to Uefa asking it to conform, van der Pas said, "If its reaction is negative, the Commission reserves the right Those could inlude taking Uefa to court or fining it for encouraging anti-competitive

practices.

The warning would be included in a letter that the Commission is planning to send to Uefa in response to its request, made before the ruling in the case of Jean-Marc Bosman, for an exemption from EU rules prohibiting business agreements that restrict competition.

After a five-year legal battle by Bosman, a Belgian player, the European Court ruled last rules and restrictions on the number of non-national players a team can field infringed European Union law.

The Commission had already told Uefa last month it had to scrap the "three plus two" rule and apply the Court

ruling immediately, but Uefa maintained it did not consider that the ruling on the number of non-national players app-lied to European club competitions.

However, Padraig Flynn. the EU Social Affairs Commissioner, said earlier this month: "It [the ruling] is quite clear, it's explicit and it's non-

A Uefa spokesman said the Swiss-based organisation had received nothing yet from Brussels and could not comment on the threat of legal action, but he pointed out that the rule was originally the result of a "gentlemen's agreement" between Uefa and the Commission in 1991.

"It's worked well in recent years — there have been no problems," he said. "We just don't see the need to change

in England, the FA Carling Premiership has already said that clubs can field more than three players from other EU member states and some leading European clubs, eager to use superior foreign talent. have pressed for the rules to be changed immediately in accordances with the court

Rick Parry, chief executive of the Premiership, said last week that he and Flynn had discussed ways of putting pressure on Uefa to comply

with the court ruling. In Rome, the lower house of the Italian parliament thwarted plans to allow their clubs to field teams composed entirely of foreign players in domestic unes as long as they were EU citizens.

The measure was originally introduced by the senate (the upper house) last November as an amendment to a law that is passing through parliament, but the lower house intervened and voted to remove the clause and send it back to a committee hearing for further discussion.

The amendment, presented the federalist Northern League party, said there should be no limit on foreigners playing in any sport in italy as long as they were from EU countries.

Under present regulations, Italian clubs are able to field up to three foreigners in a



Cole burns with ambition to reach Wembley

By DAVID MADDOCK

ANDY COLE, flushed with the success of a winning goal against Sunderland in the FA Cup, has set his sights firmly on Wembley. The Manchester United forward had good reason to rejoice in his injurytime header that decided the third-tound replay on Tues-day night, not least because it relieved some of the pressure that has built up around him recently. His thoughts, though, when he reflected on the importance of the goal yesterday, were concentrated on the prospect of a final

Cole was forced to sit and watch in silence as his team-mates lost the FA Cup Final last year to Everton. He was cup-tied for that game after his £7 million move from Newcastle United, and vowed to return as a player — and a

"It was a wonderful feeling to score against Sunderland," he said, "It was only my second goal in the FA Cup and I would really like to do well this year. I missed out on all the glory of Wembley last year and I would really like to go back there this time and lift that trophy."

It was an important victory over Sunderland, primarily because the competition presents United with their most realistic opportunity to win honours in what has been a faltering season. But Cole's contribution was significant,

He has been the subject of many a detailed dissection in recent weeks, and the prognosis has not been good. His critics, of whom there are many, are of the opinion that Kevin Keegan, the Newcastle

allowed the player to leave for Manchester for what was then a British record fee. A year on, goals are few and far between, as are convincing

Even the Old Trafford supporters have been less than supportive in recent weeks, but the goal should provide some temporary respite. Cole, a smile illuminating features usually cast in a brooding darkness, will be unconcerned even if it does not.

"I have learnt to live with the pressure," he said. "I have had it every day since I came here and now I'm just not bothered about it at all. The fact is that I cost £7 million and if I don't score - and United don't win - then I get

The talk lately has been of the Old Trafford curse, a strange affliction that big-money forwards invariably suffer when they go to the place. It stops them scoring and quickly drives them in search of a cure elsewhere. Cole, however, has been able to shake off its effects so far. and he cites the support he has received as the cause.

His celebrations on Tuesday night may have contained a chie as to how the striker has kept his sanity, and his faith In an ability that has been strongly questioned. He ran to Brian Kidd, the assistant manager, and embraced him-like a long lost relative.

The team, the manager and the supporters have been behind the through everything this season, and it has helped me immensely. Brian Kidd has worked with me and supported me so hard, and

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erby fervour turns to fury as fans miss out

BRISTOL derbies, between City and Rovers, often generate generous outpourings of passion and pride but, over the years, few scenes can have been witnessed similar to those that took place at Ashton Gate on Tuesday night. Thousands of legitimate ticket-holders were refused entry. which led to angry exchanges between club officials and supporters. A full inquiry has been promised by

Bristol City. Problems armse when the game attracted far more spectators than anticipated, with the attendance swelling to 20,007 - just below its 20,832 capacity. City had sold tickets

ments at the turnstiles but those arriving with tickets found their path blocked by queues. As kick-off neared — after being delayed by 15 minutes

 people became agitated at not being able to get in.
 "We were taken completely by surprise by the fact that more than 20,000 wanted to get in," Scott Davidson, a City director, said. "This will never happen again." Bob Neale, another director, said: "We have already refunded many fans with tickets and are expecting more complaints." In a statement yesterday, the club said: "We can only offer our sincere apologies and a refund. With hindsight, it is clear the match should

have been all-ticket, but no one, the police, Rovers or ourselves, expected a capacity crowd. That was an error

City claim that safety was never at risk in the first league derby between the sides in three years. Yet lain Harkins, a steward at Ashton Gate for six years, said: "There were so many crushes there could easily have been fatalities. The club is lucky it didn't have a Hillsborough-type incident on its hands."

A female steward sustained a broken leg as gates were closed on her behind the Dolman Stand and one supporter called for the City directors to resign. "Their job is to organise matches and if they can't do Ollershaw, 32, said. We were queveing up and sud-

denly the doors shut. I pushed through to see what was happening and I was told the ground was full: There was a massive surge forward and it could have been very dangerous. There were thousands of angry people and I blame an inept management." Rovers won the match 2-0.

replays, the hottest place to be yesterday was Elm Park, Reading, Manchester United's 2-1 victory at Sunderland earned them a fourthround tie at the Berkshire club, Not surprisingly, its switchboard was jammed with callers requesting in-

bedlam," a club spokesman said.

Although Oxford United, from the Endsleigh Insurance League second division, did well to register a 1-0 win over Millwall, from the first division, lpswich Town provided the main surprise with their victory, after extra time, at Blackburn Rovers.

This was the most satisfying moment of my career at Portman After the FA Cap third-round Road," George Burley, the Ipswich eplays, the hottest place to be manager, said. To go there with a esterday was Elm Park, Reading. plan, and see it work, was tremendous, it was a terrific display by the whole team and I'm particularly pleased for the fans." Burley won an FA Cup winner's medal when playing for Ipswich in 1978.

Weah accused of taking a dive to secure penalty



Weah: won penalty

Gabon coach, accused George Weah, of Liberia, of unsporting behaviour in earning a penalty early in his team's 2-1 victory in the African Nations Cup

the fourth minute after a foul by Pierre-Francois Aubame-Eyang, of Gabon, on Weah, but Soares saw no infringe ment on his player's part. "The early penalty was a major setback for us. It was clear Weah made a dive and was angling for the penalty."
However, Gamal El-Ghandour, the

ALAIN DA COSTA SOARES, the

in Durban yesterday. Kelvin Sebwe scored from the spot in

Egyptian referee, was convinced Weah had been unfairly bundled to the ground and had no hesitation in

pointing to the penalty spot.
This setback did not deter the Azingo who pressured the shaky Liberian defence, with Jonas Ogandaga and Guy-Roger Nzamba on the left, and Etienne Kassa-Ngoma, the captain, and Jean-Martin Mouloungui on the right, giving the Liberian central defenders, Jenkins Cooper and Henry Beeto, a hard time.

Liberia scored again in the 54th minute when a Sebwe duramy gave him the space to set up Joe Nagbe on the right. Nagbe crossed to Sarr, who

sidefooted past the goalkeeper, Germain Mendome. Gabon threw extra men into attack and were rewarded within five minutes when Nzeng, the defender, sent a 25-yard free kick past

Tokpah to reduce the leeway.

Earlier Mozambique and Tunisia drew 1-1 in their group D opening game in Port Elizabeth. Chana lead the group after defeating Ivory Coast 2-0 on Sunday. The top two teams advance to the quarter-finals following the three-match opening round.

In group C. however, only three teams were competing as Nigeria, the champions, are boycotting the tourna-ment because they have a political dispute with the host country. South

in Port Elizabeth, Rui Evora, the Mozambique goalkeeper, charged out to stop Kaies Kodhbane, of Tunisia, breaking through in injury time and secured a 1-1 draw for his side.

Manuel Bucuane had given Mozambique the lead in the lifth minute with a fine header, but Tunisia hit back with a goal from Hedi Ben Rekhissa in the 36th minute. Both sides missed chances to take the lead in the second half, with Belhassen Aloui, the Tunisia substitute, shooting wide and his goalkeeper, Chokri El Ouaer, making two fine saves.

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James takes smart step for Armani

By Russell Kempson

DAVID JAMES is tall, lean and athletic - the perfect shape for a goalkeeper of FA Carling Premiership repute. He has played in every match for Liverpool this season. conceding only 21 goals in 22 League games, and cannot be lar away from the thinking of Terry Venables, the England coach. James is elegant and handsome, too, according to those in the know, and thus he was strutting his stuff on the catwalk at the Milan fashion week yesterday.

It is well-known that professional footballers have much spare time on their hands. and that many indulge in a variety of pastimes in an attempt to supplement their £5,000-a-week pay-packets. But modelling? For Giorgio Armani, the world-renowne designer? And at one of the industry's showpiece occasions in front of the eagledeyed glitterati? Apparently.

yes, yes and — yes.

James is 25, 6ft 5in and a svelte 14st 2lb when he was last weighed for referencebook purposes. That and his photogenic qualities and general deportment clearly captivated Armani himself. after he spotted James on the cover of Arena, a menswear fashion

David is an extraordinarylooking man who came to my attention in two ways," Armani gushed. "Many of the people who collaborate with me in my design studio follow football closely and they were very enthusiastic about this important player for Liver-pool. Then I saw his picture on the front of the magazine recently and I was convinced he would be a perfect image

James was due to appear in the three Armani shows yesterday, although it was unclear how many "exits" he would make or by how much he would increase his bank account. "I don't know if he's had any training for the catwalk but we've just asked him to look as natural as possible," a spokesman said.

Even if James had fallen and made a fool of himself, he is still guaranteed at least one more Italian job. He has signed up to appear in advertising for the spring-summer 1996 Campaign for Underwear. The reason, according to a Milan insider, is simple. "He's absolutely gorgeous,"

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Saturday games back in favour

BY RUSSELL KEMPSON

THE Northern Ireland delegation emerged from five hours of hard bargaining in Frankfurt delighted with its schedule for group nine of the 1998 World Cup qualifying series. Four of Northern Ireland's first five fixtures will be at home and four of their five muches at Windsor Park will be on Saturday afternoons.

Getting off to a good start is of paramount importance. You don't want to get left behind early on." Jun Boyce, president of the trish Football Association (IFA), said. "Hopefully, this schedule gives us a good chance of getting a few points before we embark on the tougher away

Boyce, who was involved in negotiations with representa-tives of Germany, Portugal, Ukraine, Albania and Armenia, was accompanied by Bry-an Hamilton, the Northern ireland manager, and David Bowen, the IFA general secretary. "It was pretty tough going but we more or less got what we wanted," Boyce said. We're very happy with the outcome."

It was Northern Ireland's home form that cost them a possible place in the European championship finals. They finished joint runners-up, on 17 points, with Ireland in the group six qualifying competi-tion but lost three of their games in the Province. Yet they were unbeaten on their travels, a better record than most of the finalists.

Northern Ireland kick off against Ukraine on August 31 and Armenia on October 5. both in Belfast, before playing away to Germany on November 9. They then return home to meet Albania on December 14 and Portugal on March 29 next year. They conclude their programme with away matches in Albania and Portugal. When Ukraine arrive in August, it will be the first time

Windsor Park has staged a Saturday afternoon international foture since the George Best era. "We'll cancel all the other fixtures in the Province that day," Boyce said. "It will give people plenty of time to get in from the country areas and plenty of time to get home

Shrewsbury's fourth-round FA Cup tie against Liverpool con January 27 will go ahead at the second division club's tiny . Gay Meadow ground, despite police fears that ticketiess Liverpool fans could create One of the biggest games in

the club's history was expected: to be switched to Anfield for safety reasons after talks with local police. The Shrewsbury ground has a crowd limit of about 8,500 and moving the tie to

Anfield, capacity 44,000, would have netted the Endsleigh Insurance League second divison side an esti-But a proposed venue change failed to get the backing of the Football Associated to get that the mated £100,000. use of Gay Meadow for future cup-ties would be in doubt it

the Shrewsbury chairman Ray Bailey, said. The Birmingham manager Barry Fry, yesterday criticises, his leading scorer, Jonathor Hunt, who has 12 goals, after the midfield player was given a two-match ban for exceeding

21 disciplinary points. Hunt, who also playe under Fry at Barnet and Southend, would not be avail able for the fourth round of the

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Briton joins leading names in early exit from Australian Open

Tentative Henman founders under fire

FROM STUART JONES, TENNIS CORRESPONDENT IN MELBOURNE

AFTER the rise, came the fall; after the praise, the condemnation. Tim Henman, Britain's lone survivor in the singles at the Australian Open, submitted with regrettable ease in the second round. He was not alone, though, in his deflation. Three men with bigger reputations collapsed with equally spectacular ra-

pidity yesterday.

An injured Wayne Ferreira, the No 9 seed, lasted a mere 78 minutes. Andrei Medvedev, the No 14 seed, went out after taking 12 of the first 14 games.
Stefan Edberg, twice the former champion, also established a seemingly decisive
advantage against a qualifier
before bidding his final fare-



Henman: double faults

Henman, unrecognisable from the player who knocked out Petr Korda in the first round, managed to take only six games off Jonas Bjorkman, a Swede he beat last year. He offered no excuses. He admitted that he played poorly and that he has yet to learn to be

That, he insists, will come was the first time he had earned the right to enter a grand slam championship without enduring the qualifying competition or receiving a wild card and he is still in the process of establishing himself

among the upper echelons. Compared to his peers, he has acquitted himself well here. Ranked provisionally in the mid-80s, there are only six younger rivals above him and four of them - Marcelo Rios, of Chile, Jiri Novak, Czech Republic, Sjeng Schalken, of Hotland, and Carlos Moya, of Spain — went out in the first

Another, Bohdan Ulihrach, of the Czech Republic, was also eliminated yesterday. The other is Mark Philippoussis, who was scheduled to play his second-round match this morning. At 19, he is Australia's brightest talent and Henman defeated him in Syd-

ney within the past fortnight. Of the six 21-year-olds ranked higher than Henman, only one - Karol Kucera, of Slovakia - had by late yesterday secured a place in the last 32. He benefited from Ferreira's additional ailment. a hamstring pulled in the opening set, to go with an already broken little finger.

The pity was that Henman should bow out so tamely in "train-spotter's corner", the court that backs out onto the city's main railway line. His service, picked out by Korda as an effective weapon, was treated with disdain. It was broken twice as often as it was held. Bjorkman, a recognised doubles player, specialises in low, precise returns and Henman confessed that he felt from the start as though he were "serving into the wind". Under sustained pressure, he threw in ten double faults, almost all of them at a critical iuncture.

As cuipably, he failed to consolidate on either of the two breaks he achieved at the opening of the second set. There were not many aspects that went well," he said, without overstating the case. "He was better in every department and had the answer to everything I did."
Patrick McEnroe could

have empathised. He was 6-0, 6-2 down to Medvedev but, a reacted by yielding the next professional for five years longer than Henman, he ently lost causes. On the way to claiming his first title, in Sydney last year, he saved five match points in the first

Medvedevis, though, so wildly temperamental that his full potential may never be realised. He committed a remarkable 80 unforced errors, quarter of them double faults and, from a seemingly impregnable position, won only seven games in the closing three sets.

Edberg's capitulation, two days before his thirtieth birth-



Tarango points towards Courier as he demands action from the umpire. Photograph: Rick Stevens

RESULTS FROM FUNDERS PARK

and last Australian Open. Leading 2-1 in sets and 2-0 against Jean-Philippe Fleurian, he missed the two ed "would have done it". He seven games in a row. The to be regarded with such esteem, particularly after

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Coach reported after red-card rumpus

CHEN XINHUA faces possible action from the European Table Tennis Union (ETTU) for his behaviour while acting as England coach for the first time at the Olympic qualifying competition in Manchester on Sunday. The Yorkshire-based former World Cup winner has been reported for arguing with an umpire and allegedly insulting him during the final match involving the England No I. Matthew Syed, and Zoltan Batorfi, of Hungary.

Chen, who has qualified for Atlanta by virtue of his high world ranking at No 19, was upset when given the red card by the Austrian umpire, Roland Zauner, for twice illegally coaching Syed. Chen removed the red card from Zauner's hand, argued for several minutes, then removed the spectacles from the umpire's nose and hung them over a barrier. He allegedly made remarks about the official's

Hill slides off again

MOTOR RACING: While Damon Hill slid off the track at Estoril for the second day in succession yesterday, his junior partner in the Williams-Renault team, the Canadian, Jacques Villeneuve, posted the best practice time of the week. Hill went off at the S-bend while the track was dry during the morning session. He was unhurt but the car had to be towed into the pits with scuffed front tyres. Villeneuve's best time was Imin 21.14sec, three-hundredths of a second faster than Hill. Alain Prost, the former world champion, who was testing as technical adviser for McLaren-Mercedes, completed 14 laps with a best time of 1min 23.24sec.

Oakes breaks record

ATHLETICS: Judy Oakes will make a record 73rd international appearance for Britain in the indoor match against Russia in Birmingham on January 27. The shot putter will pass the mark set by Verona Elder, the former 400 metres runner, who is now Britain's team manager. Oakes, 37, made her debut in 1976and has two Commonwealth Games gold medals. Britain include six newcomers for the match — Neil Caddy, in the 3.000 metres. Doug Turner (200 metres). Edward King and Andy Hart (800 metres). Ann Brooks (long jump) and Shani Anderson (triple jump).

Davis finalises plans

SNOOKER: Steve Davis, right, will meet Tony Drago, of Malta, in the final of the Guangzhou Masters in China today, attempting to capture the 71st title of his professional career and the first prize of £12,500. He convincingly beat Guo Hua, the local favourite, 6-1 in the semi-finals yesterday, while Drago progressed with a surprise 6-3 victory over Peter Ebdon, the provisional world No 3.



Offiah for Twickenham

RUGBY: Martin Offiah is set to play rugby union again — in the Middlesex sevens for his rugby league team, Wigan. The Rugby Football League said last night that Wigan, who have just secured a seventh successive championship, have been nominated to take up the invitation from the sevens have confirmed that they will be sending their strongest team to Twickenham on May 11. Offiah is a former player with Rosslyn Park rugby union club.

English pair through

BADMINTON: Darren Hall and Peter Knowles, both of England, moved into the second round of the Japan Open men's singles in Tokyo yesterday. Hall beat Mike Beres, of Canada, 15-4, 15-13, while Knowles defeated Takaaki Hayashi, of Japan, 15-6, 15-0. Anne Gibson received a bye to the second round of the women's event. There were also wins for the doubles pairings of Julie Bradbury and Jo Wright, and Joanne Davies and Nichola Beck. However, Gillian Gowers and Sarah Hardaker were beaten.

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SPORTS LETTERS

Undersold on overs

From Mr Gerald Raizin

Sir, What possible justification is there for the recent decision by the Test and County Cricket Board to reduce the minimum number of overs on the first three days of matches in the Britannic Assurance county championship from 110 to 104 per day?

Will we see a proportionate reduction in players' salaries and, more pertinently, in admission prices for the coming

Yours sincerely, GERALD RATZIN, 158 Court Lane, Dulwich, SE2L

From Mr Ron Tennant

Sir, Contrary to the profes sional pundits' opinions, the abandonment of the Rugby Football Union's special general meeting in Birmingham (report, January 15) was not the reaction of the grass roots against the open game, but rather the reaction of a bored, bewildered and bothered audience looking for a cup of tea before travelling home after a wasted day.

We were bored by an internal RFU wrangle and bewil-dered by the lack of foresight which kept everybody milling about uselessly for 70 minutes while the proxy votes were cast. If this is the best our professional administrators

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The abrasive American

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Courier, for verbal and racket abuse, implying that he would, doubtless, have been

penalised. Tarango is still on

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So, remember, was Henman.

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pompous dismissal on very narrow semantic grounds of the wish to express a simple vote of support or otherwise for the open game and form some of its more immediate effects. No doubt John Simpson, a former president, was technically correct in his legal interpretation, but did he have to be so patronising about it and why did he not give the incumbent president some practical advice about how to get out of the corner he put him in?

Our sympathies were with Bill Bishop, struggling in a strong tide without a paddle. We can forgive a president for a year, but professional administrators tend to hang about for ever. An open game must mean hiring and firing. Yours faithfully, RON TENNANT

(Hon Treasurer, Brockleians RFC). 57 Boveney Road, Forest Hill, SE23.

From Mr James Carter Sir, It would appear that a majority of those present at the RFU meeting were opposed to the professional developments within the game. As a playing member of the University of Derby rugby club. I am totally supportive of the game becoming open and I have yet to meet a playing member who has expressed opposition to such developments.

Could it be that the 57 old farts are. in fact, 1,000 old farts, committeemen who ex-

Sports Letters may be sent by fax to 0171-782 5211. They must include a daytime telephone number. press their own views rather than those of the playing members they are supposed to represent?

Yours faithfully JAMES CARTER. 1 Peet Street, Derby. From Mr Nigel Lynch

Sir. The courageous decision of the International Rugby Football Board (IRFB) to sweep away the hypocrisy and declare the game open has apparently fallen on many deaf ears. Perhaps a major contributing factor has been the lack of positive leadership shown by the RFU. When the first division clubs appear to be in control, it is inevitable that the rest of the game should have deep feelings of unease, so the rank and file vent their spleen by voting the "non-establishment" candidate, Cliff Brittle, into the important post of chairman of

the executive committee. It is apparent from Mr Brittle's initial comments that he has no intention of seeking to change existing RFU policy. This is good news. Ambitious players will con-

tinue to move away from those clubs who wish to retain their true amateur tradition, many to return later and exert their beneficial influence on the next generation, just as they have always done. The only missing factor is the hypocrisy of former years.

By insisting on a clear definition of amateur and professional, those who voted for the new debate seem to want to perpetuate that hypocrisy, thus driving a wedge into the very heart of the game so that clubs, players and officials will have to decide on which side of the fence they lie.

The whole point of the IRFB decision is that it gives all in the game the freedom to embrace professionalism if they 85 Fawcett Close, SWII.

RFU must make better job of gauging members' views have the wish and ability. while the majority continue in exactly the same way as they have for 130 years.

NIGEL LYNCH, The Whins, 68 West Common Road, Hayes, Kent.

Yours faithfully

From Colonel Martyn Cubitt Sir, Mr John Jacobsen (Sports Letters, January 12) is right to feel concerned for the survival of rugby union as played by the middle and lower echelon clubs which form the majority of the RFU. However, the existence or not of a prescriptive form of amateurism is not the real issue. In any case, it is just not possible to put the clock back. A sport with the profile and

image of rugby union today must have a sound business base at all levels and this cannot be ignored. But above all, the game, as played, must be substantially the same from children and beginners to internationals, and any changes to that must only be brought about by a majority of the whole family. It must also remain possible for the highly ralented to aspire to and achieve the highest honours by paths other than the card-

carrying professional one. As chairman of the Army Rugby Union. it is my aim to keep one such alternative path open for the best who want to join the Army and pursue ellence with no limit to the goal. I know my other service colleagues take a similar view. The truly open game, em-

bracing the best of amateur and professional, is surely the way ahead. To take it will need strong nerves, strong leader-ship and some faith. Yours faithfully. MARTYN CUBITT.

Ginola short of protection

From Mr Ian Feely Sir, You are right to draw attention to the extenuating David circumstances in David Ginola's dismissal in the Coca-Cola Cup quarter-final at Highbury (January 12).

In the first half, constant fouls on him went unpunished. They were perpetrated against a background of baying and booing from the crowd every time Ginola went near the ball. The combined ugliness of Arsenal's crowd and players was so personal, evening was defiled as a sporting event, even before the most shameful booking I have seen in 50 years watching football.

Gerald Ashby did not just book Ginola for a dive when he was plainly felled by a cynical tackle by Winterburn. What the referee did was to endorse the hostility of the crowd and the challenge of the Arsenal full backs. The message went out: these crafty foreign forwards deserve a good English kicking and booing because they cannot take it.

From that moment, Ginola and the game were doomed. I willed Keegan to take Ginola off at once. The foul on Dixon and the sending-off were inevitable. As he went off, the verbal assaults of the Arsenal substitutes were added to the triumphant howling of the crowd. And the FA is to conduct an

enquiry into the reaction of Terry McDermott. Newcastle's assistant manager, who had the temerity to let his indignation show by saying a few choice words to the Arsenal manager, Bruce Rioch. Yours sincerely. IAN FEELY.

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Skiing on a collision course with sanity



breed. Theirs is an event for the elite, the daredevils, the super-fit, the reckless. The downhillers are the finest, the maddest, the bravest.

Today they are the saddest, too, For on Tuesday, one of Britain's brightest downhill hopes for the next Winter Olympics died after crashing. Kirsteen McGibbon, just 20, was enjoying her first year as a member of the Great Britain alpine ski team. She lost control, and her life, on a training run for the Lowlander championships in Altenmarkt-Zauchensee, 30 miles

southeast of Salzburg. She was the British champion in this, the Blue Riband of skiing disciplines; but the grim reality of downhill ski racing is that one small mistake can end a career, or even snatch away a life. Whenever this happens in sport, it raises inevitable

questions about safety. For downhill skiing is the Formula
One of winter sport, with high-speed crashes a feature of almost every contest. At times, almost everything is sacrificed to the god of speed, a sacrifice that agonises some within the sport. Bernhard Russi, a former world and Olympic downhill champion, tells of the problems he has had as a course designer for the Interna-tional Ski Federation. "My greatest task," he said, "is to fight to cut down the average speed of races." The people he has to tight "are the skiers and their coaches"

Ronald Duncan, a former British downhill champion, gives a vivid glimpse into the mind of the downhill skier. You can tell the very first time if it's for you or not," he said. "You get to the bottom in a strange you're both terrified and exhilarated at once. The ones who are just a little bit more exhilarated than terrified are the downhill skiers. They're the ones who go back up." One who chose not to go back up is Alberto Tomba, the Italian who has just missed out on a fourth successive World Cup slalom win. He has refused to race the downhill since 1987 because it gives his mother too much worry and heartache. Competitive skiing has moved a



Tomba, a slalom expert, refuses to compete in downhill races because of fears about their safety

long way from the early days when it took the English to think up something as unlikely as climbing a mountain simply to slide down again with feet strapped precarious-ly to strips of wood. The first Alpine ski races were devised by the British. and no one played a greater part in promoting this new event than Sir Arnold Lunn, who dreamt up the first downhill race in 1911, at Montana, Switzerland. In those days the skiers raced side by side, down wide courses, with the first past the flag the winner. The first salety measure was the abolition of mass-start races

in favour of timing each contestant, starting at one-minute intervals. From the early days of wooden skis and leather boots, there has been fierce rivalry among manufacturers to produce better equipment for the racer. As the equipment improved, the skiers got faster - and the risks have risen. Like tennis and motor racing, the sport has run into problems created by its own advancing technology. In tennis, the disappearance of the traditional wooden racket has created serving monsters, such as Michael Stich and Goran

Formula One, they have had to put a brake on technology as cornering speeds reached increasing levels of

in skiing, the skis, the waxes, even the clothing are fiercely researched and tested — hi-tech leotards and helmets are refined these days in wind-tunnels before they are let loose on the downhill. The teams who are responsible for course safety struggle to keep up. They are constantly improving the safety net-ting, and foam padding has replaced the traditional straw bales, but there Ivanisevic, and dull matches. In are many who believe that just lining

the course to catch out-of-control skiers is no real answer.

Downhill men can reach 90mph or more these days, and women regularly attain speeds illegal on British motorways. At these speeds, women run into physiological problems - they don't have the same muscle strength and bulk in their legs and so get tired more quickly. Unable to hold the racing tuck as long as the men, they face danger

Today's racers all too ofen reflect the fashion for artificial and overgroomed downhill course settings, where everything is sacrificed to speed and all the bumps and jumps are shaved and flattened in the name of safety. These racers are gliding machines on skis; weight and size is an advantage and their legs are developed like tree-trunks to give them strength to hold the tuck. The champions of previous generations were less muscularly developed but more able to deal with the rolls and bumps of less-manicured courses that demanded balance and agility just as much as courage.

n those days, of course, the bumps meant that plenty of the top skiers fell over. These days, the trend is to sanitise the piste of almost all irregularities, with the result that the courses are faster because, in some repects, they are easier to ski. But when the skiers do crash, they inevitably crash faster. From the spectator's point of view, much of the drama of downhill has

There are those who fear that in the 65 years since Lunn started it all. downhill ski racing has become over-groomed, too technical, overspecialised and boring. Lunn him-self came to despise what he saw as the artificiality of much modern skiing. "The decline of mountain skiing," he wrote, "is closely associated with the development of piste

Lunn, 'The Father of Skiling', had his own ideas on what made real alpine skiing. His seventieth birthday treat was to be flown by helicopter to the summit of Mont Blanc so that he could ski down.

You might think they do not make them like that any more, but in May of this year, a man called Davo Kamicar, who styles himself as Slovenia's leading extreme skier, plans to lead a small team without oxygen to the too of Everest. They will carry lightweight skis on their backs, and when they get there they will ski back down to the Tibetan border via the north face of the mountain. Now that's what you call

JOHN BRYANT

The musical log-book

The Road to Toledo. Radio 3, 3.00pm.

Few musical odysseys can have been as thoroughly authenticated as this one. In 1501 Philip, Archduke of Burgundy, his wife Joanna and a full complement of musicians, journeyed 1,000 miles on horseback from Brussels to Toledo. The progress took two years. It was made to cement Philip's claim to the Spanish succession, his wife being the daughter of Ferdinand and Isabella. Philip's keeper of journals, Antoine de Lalaing, chronicled the journey. The music played en route has been preserved in a manuscript volume called The Segovia Codex. The Road to Toledo expertly dovetalls extracts from Lalaing's chronicles and instrumental and vocal inems performed by the Sirinu chronicles and instrumental and vocal items performed by the Sirinu

Moonbeam and Mrs Pat, Radio 4, 2.00pm.

I expect the fact that the title of Peter Ling's play gives a Pekinese precedence over that formidable actress, Mrs Patrick Campbell, will be welcomed with cries of "and quite right too!" from dog lovers. But to be honest, Moonbeam has very little to say or do except emit squeaky little barks whenever the conversation gets round to him. Mrs Campbell adored her pet who was faithful to her unto death (hers, not his). Although his role is minimal, he does inspire one of Ling's wittier lines at the end of the play. Imelda Staunton plays Mrs Pat. Vocal ageing on radio is not easy, but with Staunton, I could almost hear the wrinkles proliferating.

Peter Davalle

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Muldoon reads The Lyclans and Charles Tornilhaon mounts The Build of lote and Drygos

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oboes and bassoon; Sona In A minor for solo violin; Violin Concerto in D)

Grünigen on line for slalom title

By Our Sports Staff

SHY and unassuming, Michael von Grünigen is an unlikely rival to the flamboyant Alberto Tomba as king of the ski slopes. The Swiss skier. 26, strengthened his domination of the giant slalom with a spectacular victory on Toesday. It was his fourth of the season and set him on target for the giant statom title.

Tomba, meanwhile, stayed away from the event, complaining of flu and conserving his energy for the slalom race this weekend in Switzerland. The Italian has been struggling to regain last season's record form and has said his main goal is the world championships in Sierra Nevada, Spain, next month.

Like Tomba, von Grüni-gen's skills lie in the technical disciplines, and he has to make do without downhill and combined competition points in the World Cup standings. Despite that, he now lies in second place behind Lasse Kjus, of Norway, in the overall standings. The Norwegian's 266-point lead is unlikely to hold if his injury keeps him out of comnetition much longer.

After being dogged by injury last year, von Grünigen is on form. "I am in such good form, that I could practically do no wrong," he said after securing his win on Tuesday by a wide margin - nearly two seconds. He claimed the best times in both runs, docking lmin 16.60sec and lmin 13.36sec for a combined time of 2min 29.96sec.

His fellow Swiss, Urs Kaelin, winner of the previous giant sialom in Flachau, Austria, ten days ago, was second with 2min 31.79sec. while Tom Stiansen, of Norway, captured third place his first podium position with a combined time of 2min 32.70sec.

The men's circuit now moves to to Veysonnaz in southern Switzerland for two downhills, a slalom and a combined this weekend rescheduled because of the lack of snow at Wengen.

Between the races, von Grünigen is likely to spend time with his wife and infant son. He avoids the glamour that often accompanies the ski

New Zealand fail to force the issue

By OUR SPORTS STAFF

NEW ZEALAND'S attempts to force a result in the rainaffected first Test match against Zimbabwe were in vain as the game ended in a draw in Hamilton yesterday, but only after both teams had a chance to win.

Set a target of 257 in two sessions for victory, Zimba-bwe ended the day at 208 for six. New Zealand declared their second innings closed at 222 for five at lunch, Lee Germon, the captain, making

his second declaration of the



Cairns: impressive bowling

distilled from barley or rice".

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PONTIANAK

(b) A bag, purse, wallet or container. Also by metonymy, money, takings, (Perhaps related to Prugh.)

(a) In Nepal or Tibet, a liquor distilled from rice or grain. (From the Nepali

raksi and the Tibetan rag-si.) Feeling thirsty, Chris Bonnungton in I Chose To Climb remembers how "the Sherpas have settled down to a celabratory binge, consuming huge quantities of rakshi. a potent spirit

(b) A type of vampire. (A Malay word from pati-anak, childfaller.) C. Shunleworth in Malayan Safari notes that "perhaps the most fearsome of all superstitions is that of the pontianak or vampire, widely prevalent

(a) A small nocturnal mammal of the genus Bassaricyon, belonging to the family Procyonidae, native to the forest regions of Central and South

America, and distinguished from the kinkajou by a straight tail which is

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went into tea at 113 for Grant Flower and Stuart Carlisle, the Zimbabwe opening batsmen, made a dashing start, bringing up the 50 in the eleventh over before Carlisle was caught at first slip by Stephen Fleming from the first ball of Dipak Patel's first

Guy Whittall joined Flower to maintain the run-rate at the required mark of around four per over. After reaching 20, Whittall gave Roger Twose his first Test wicket when he pulled a catch to Robert Kennedy at mid-wicket. Chris Cairns, New Zealand's best missed Flower. He was caught

When the veteran, David Houghton, having passed 1,000 runs in Test cricker, was trapped leg-before by Twose, and Alastair Campbell was caught behind by Germon off Patel, the shutters went up. Campbell looked unlucky to be given out, as television replays clearly showed the

Cairns then trapped Heath Streak leg-before for six, at which point Zimbabwe were in some danger at 177 for six but Andy Flower, the captain. and Paul Strang played out the draw with Flower ending the day on 58 not out.

When New Zealand made their declaration earlier in the day, Adam Parore finished unbeaten on 84 and Germon was on 22 Cairns was dismissed for seven in the

fifth over of the morning, but New Zealand went on to score 93 runs in the first session off 19 overs at a rate of nearly five an over. Parore reached his fourth Test halfcentury from 128 balls in 167

Only some tight bowling by Streak and Paul Strang in the 20 minutes before lunch stopped New Zealand posting a bigger score as Germon and Parore added 82 runs for the sixth wicket.

The second and final Test begins in Auckland on Saturday.

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Australian security stepped up

AUSTRALIA'S players are to be provided with extra sec urity during cricket's World Cup, which starts on February 14. Some are fearful of retribution after recent controversies involving Pakistan and Sri Lanka.

"Our players are concerned for their safety. The Australian Cricket Board shares that concern because we feel they have genuine cause," Graham Halbish, the board's chief executive, said. 1,00pm The BBC Orchestras. BBC Philhermonic under Yer Pascal Torteller, with Jean-Yves. Thibaudet, paato.

The team will be protected 24 hours a day by armed guards at their hotels, while there will be extra security at grounds and airports during the tournament, which is being staged in India, Paki-stan and Sri Lanka.

Several Australian players have recently received threat-ening letters. "Some of the stuff has been quite frightening," Halbish said. Meanwhile, the row over

TV coverage for the matches being played in India rumbles on, with the Supreme Court refusing the Govern-ment's plea to adjudicate.

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SNOW REPORTS

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Paul Allen views the opening episode of the television drame Our Franks in the North and reviews Tippett's opera. The Midsummer

Mamage 4.45 Short Story: The Treehouse by Nawel Gadalla. Read by Pater McQueen

Violin Concerto in D)

10.25 Keystrokes introduced by Stephen Montague

10.45 Night Weves

11.30-12.50m The BSC Concerts SSC Prehammonic under Matthias Barnert. Kongold (Overture, Sursumm cords; Sinfonjetia)

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7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 The Missionary Position
David Lodge travels to
Albaria to meet the
missionaries who felt drawn to
the country
8.00 Asta Gold. In the third of four programmes on Asia's new-tound economic strength, Edward Stourton visits the kampongs, factories and Kamporigs, leatones and squatter camps in eastern Mataysia. By ensuring that the collective good is given priority over the rights of individuals the authorities believe they can justifiably claim that Asian values are

morally superior to those of the West 8.45 Aestheta's Foot. The Scottish humourist John McKey remembers his advicement that adolescence (2/6)

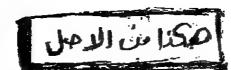
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Mind your body language in Hollywood

Women. Then there was Hollywood Kids. Now we have Hollywood Men (ITV). What next. Hollywood Pets? Spot on apparently - ITV does indeed plan to bring us Hollywood Pets later this year. Now there's a date for your diary.

Call me a cynic but as I settled back for yet another dose of high speed, three-second-and-cut telerision, the word "formula" sprang mysteriously to mind. Nothing as complex as our old friend Fermat you understand. No, the truly marvellous proof unearthed by David Green and his team at September Films is this: Hollywood plus just about any collective noun equals showtime, folks, and IIV will buy as much as he can

The question is, are we happy to watch as much as he can make? Despite my best high-minded intentions, the answer for the first

instalment (improbably there are three more to come) is yes. What happened in the final third? We'll get to that later — you might still be eating your breakfast.

The format was utterly predictable (lots of Hollywood hunks talking about their favourite subjects - themselves) and so was the content of an episode entitled Vanity and Vulgarity. For while tinsel town's women worry about the two Ts ftits and teeth, darling) its menfolk obsess over the two Ps - pecs and pates. Actually, there was a third P... but no, I still don't think we're quite ready for it. What rescued the formula was the humour. Most of the subjects knew they were likely to be gently sent up and if they didn't - well. Stephanie Beacham and Roseanne Barr were around to do a more brutal iob.

And very good fun it all was. with the familiar and famous

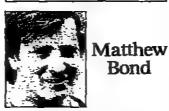
being mixed in with a likeable bunch of unknown wannabes, variously captioned as actor/stripper, actor/limo driver and, even, actor/world kick boxing champion. Collectively they talked us through their high maintenance lifestyle — the visits to the gym, the dentist (if you're worried about bad breath, check out the Halimeter) and the hairdresser. That, of course, is assuming you still have your own hair.

nless you are Bruce Willis. niess you are bruce wins, being bald in Hollywood can seriously damage your wealth - toupées, wigs, weaves and implants, we saw them all. But, as Roseanne observed, there is a curious hierarchy to this hairy artifice: "The more powerful you are, the worse your rug can be." She had the pictures to prove it. But as we moved on to plastic

surgery (and learnt that one of the

side-effects of male face-lifts is

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having to shave behind your ears) I had a nasty feeling I knew where we were heading. Sure enough part three was entirely devoted to the third P: the penis. Now, penis augmentation is a subject that has been extensively covered on Channel 4's late night schlock shows — and the later the better as far as I am concerned. It is a seriously horrid operation, with a yuk factor approaching infinity.

Bond

was the change of pace that accompanied the shift south. Suddenly the film slowed to a crawl, as an assortment of sad chaps held forth at disproportionate length about the unproven rights and painful wrongs of a particular surgeon's technique. The humour gone, the energy had gone and, shortly afterwards, so had I. Alternative therapies were on offer as Under the Sun (BBC2)

continued its stimulating run with The Witching Tree. Problems with polygamy? Then Mpapane is your Mpapane is an invanga, a South African witch doctor - part healer, part herbalist, part agony aunt -

his work. Faced with a man who was having trouble with two wives "they keep fighting but I love them

and the film revealed an unexpect-

ed line of common sense running

both equally"), Mpapane consult-ed the bones, only to announce: You must go home and settle the matter vourselves."

Understandably underwhelmed, the patient sprang his own surprise: "I don't have any money - not even for this session." Mpapane looked an unhappy inyanga, although he did cheer up later, when 170 workers from a sawmill turned up for help in settling disputes at work. Pragmatically, he identified the foremen as witches, the penalty for which was to be stripped, fined and covered in oil. That counted as getting off lightly, the film's rather unquestioning narration revealed that more than 100 people were burnt to death as witches last year.

his film, too, had a pretty through the rituals that surround high yuk factor, with a number of cures involving sharp encounters with rusty looking razor blades. But these were as

looking to put an end to a run of bad luck that included a beheading attempt. He had a scapegoat (the original bleating variety) sac-rificed right on top of him. Lots more chanting and lots more common sense from the man with the knife: "Kneel over there, so you don't get blood on your underpants."

For the first 20 minutes or so, there seemed to have been a big improvement in Video Nation (BBC2), the camcorder volunteers for which now range from Lord Montagu of Beaulieu to a homeless beggar. But as we progressed through their collective view of the alphabet of modern communities (A is for apathy, B for belonging) it was clear we were not going to stop, as the title had suggested, at N is for Neighbours, Long before we finally got there, I knew exactly what Z stood for: zzzz. . .

BBC1 6.00mm Bissiness Breakfast (50050) 7.00 BBC Breakfast News. (Coolse)

9.10 Kilroy. Studio discussion (9) (2942789). 10.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (8794875) 10.05 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (s) (6189876)

10.30 Good Morning with Anne and Nick (s)

12.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (6225857) 12.05pm Pebble Mill with Ross King (a) (9458963) 12.50 Regional News and weather (13188418) 1.00 News (Castex) and weather (91708)

1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefex) (s) (64220944) 1.50 The Flying Doctors. Australian medical drama. (Ceetex) (s) (1395418) 2.35 This is Your Life (r). (Ceefee) (s): (4474321) 3.05 Timekeepers. Quiz (s) (5680573)

3.30 The New York Beer Show (r) (7518296) 3.35 The Morph Files (s) (2928760) 3.50 Peter Pan and the Pirates (r). (Cestax) (s) (1904708) 4.10 Hightander. (Cestax) (s) (1213091) 4.35 The Restly-Wild Show. (Cestax) (s) (9944673)

5.00 Newsround, (Ceefax) (4319895) 5.10 The Demon Headmaster, The final episode, (Ceefax) (a) (7560586) 5.35 Neighbours (r). (Caefex) (8) (201876)

6,00 Stx O'Clock News with Anna Ford and Jennie Bond. (Ceelex) Weather (401) 8.30 Regional News Magazines (383)

7.00 Top of the Pops. (Ceefax) (s) (7499) 7,30 EastEnders. (Ceefsx) (s) (895) 8,00 The Vet: A Bit of a Chence. Drama series about a Devon veterinary practice.

(Ceefax) (8) (537321) 8,50 Animal Hospital Heroes, Rolf Harris remembers some heartwarming stories trom previous visits to the vets and pets of the Harmsworth Hospital in London. (Ceatex) (s) (596944)

9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. ctaxt) Regional news and weather

Jenniller with another collection of comedy sketches. Tonight they pay irreverent homage to the Italian film director Federico Fellini. With guest appearances by Kate Moss, Sue Barker and Felicity Kendal. (Castod) (a) (66925)

10.00 Inside Story: A Bend is Born. (Ceefax) (a) (697079).

WALES: 10.00 The State (59147) 10.30 inside Story (843321) 11.20 Cuestion Time (167673) 12.20am-1.50 Film: Man on Fire (2187987)

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10.50 Question Time with David Dimbleby from Bristol. The penel includes Joan Elizabeth Meehan. (Ceefax) (570983)

11,50 FILM: Men on Fire (1987) starring Scott Glerin, A drama about a former CIA operative who takes on the job of bodyguard to a wealthy Italian couple and their 12-year-old child. When the idd is kidnagged he must use all his training to rescue the youngster. With Jade Malle, Joe Pesci, Brooke Adams and Jonathen Pryce. Directed by Elle Chouraqui (s) (251741) 1,20am Weather (6232221)

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2.10 The Andrew Nell Show (s) (5624296) 3.00 News (Ceefax) and weather; Westminster with Nick Ross. (Ceefax) (s) (7347780) 3.55 News (Ceefax) and

4.00 Today's the Day. History quiz (s) (296) 4.30 Ready, Steady, Cook (8) (706)

5.00 The Oprah Windrey Show. (Ceetex) (s) (7985760) 5.40 Still in Business. (s) (381227) 5.55 My Village. Well-dressing in the Derbyshire village of Eyam

6.00 Star Traic Deep Space Nine. (636925) 6.45 They Who Dare. Frenchman Alain Robert climbs skyscrapers (s) (263499) 7.00 Waiting for God (r). (Teletext) (s) (6741). WALES: 7.00 Pound For Pound

7.30 First Sight: Money to Play With.The "nursery vouchers" acheme (437). WALES: 7.30 Whatever Happened to the Likely Lade?; EAST: 7.30 Matter of Fact; MIDLANDS: 7.30 Midlands Report; NORTH: 7.30 Close Up North; SOUTH: SOUTH-WEST: 7.30 Close Up



Rise and fall of John Spiers (8.90pm)

B.00 Spiers — The Patients'
Champion (Ceefax) (s) (4789)
B.30 Jeremy Clarkson's Motorworld.
Switzerland. (Ceefax) (s) (3296) 9.00 Traces of Guilt: The Last Defence. (Ceeles) (s)

9.50 Potted Histories (Castex) (s) (345031) 10.00 Game On (f). (Ceefax) (57789) 10.30 Newsnight with Kirsty Wark (375505)

11.15 Late Review (s) (249676) 11.55 Weather (155708) 12.00 The Midnight Hour (36345)

12,30am-6.00 The Learning Zone

(703383)

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Inside Story: A Band Is Born BBC1, 10.00pm

If Take That can sell eight million records and videos in a ridiculously short time, why not Christopher, Giles, Jamie and Richard who are, respectively, a fast food waiter, a student, a school-leaver and unemployed? This young and handsome quartet have been chosen from more than 7,000 hopefuls to be the rock world's new boy band. Luckily and unexpectedly, they can sing as well as look good but whether their voices, singly or collectively, will be what the public wants is another question. There is also the no inconsiderable matter of finding a potential hit song. The film offers a searching progress report on the four, eventually called Upside Down, from initial wrangles about contracts to their first public performance during a concert in Cardiff. It all comes down to whether the young women in the audience scream loud enough.

Traces of Guilt: The Last Defence BBC2, 9.00pm

The forensic science series turns to one of the trickiest tasks for a defence lawyer, of persuading a jury that a killer was not responsible for his actions. This can be the responsione for his actions. This can be the last chance to turn a murder charge into manslaughter or, in the United States, to commute a death penalty to life imprisonment. Cases from Britain and America illustrate the difficulties. After Americal flustrate me difficulties. After Roger Degarmo, who shot a young woman in Texas, spent many years on death row, his lawyer secured a retrial by arguing that a head injury suffered long before the crime had changed his client's personality. A personality disorder was also claimed as misiector for "Sammu" subo suffered del mitigation for "Sammy", who suffocated a woman neighbour while trying to rob her house. But because the demands of the law and the findings of science do not necessarily coincide, such defences are never watertight

My Brilliagt Career

Another engrossing film in the series with the deeply ironic title features John Spiers and his bumpy three years as chairman of and his bumpy three years as chairman of Brighton NHS Trust. A brash and successful businessman used to running his own show. Spiers arrived in the job convinced that the medical establishment needed a good shakeup. He pretended to be a wheelchair victim to expose a hospital's uncaring artitude to its patients. The story was picked up by the national press and the consultants were outraged by what they saw as a cheap sturk. From then on it was conflict all the way, until Spiers sealed his fate by describing breast cancer specialists as bog-standard meddlers. He says his only concern was for patients, but admits he tried to go too fast. Spiers's aunt and uncle provide a Greek chorus-style commentary on his rise and fall.

Survival: Cliff Hancers TIV. 7.30pm

It is the ideal opening gambit for a wildlife film: show a bare, dry landscape where nothing apparently can live and then reveal that nature is there in surprising variety. The location is the Colorado Plateau of the United States, which centuries of wind and water have carved into spectacular canyons with sheer cliff faces. For 700 years American Indians lived there, until forced out by drought in the 13th century. Now the inhabitants include frogs, lizards, bighorn sheep and ringtail cats, with golden eagles and falcons possed for attack from the air. In telling a story of predators and prey, breeding cycles and artful ways of staying alive, the film pushes in closer than the human eye can possibly hope to. Andrew Peter Waymark

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6.00am GMTV (2739760)

9,25 Win, Lose or Draw (s) (4282654) 9.55 Regional News (Teletext) (6165296) 10.00 The Time . . . the Place (s) (1939692) 10.35 This Morning (Teletext) (57170302) 12.20pm Regional News (Teletext) (6214741)

12.55 Shortland Street (9504857) 1.20 Coronation Street (r) (Teletext)

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5.10 A Country Practice (s) (8095128) 5.40 ITN News and weather (727499) 6.00 Home and Away (r) (Telesett) (859050) 6.25 HTV News (Teletext) (458234)



The boboat stalks its pray (7.30pm)

7.30 Survival: Cliff (Teletext) (s) (963)

8,00 The Bill: No Assistance Required. Datta finds herself the object of unwanted and Loxfon's desire to settle an old acore arouses the suspicion of Monroe (Telelext) (1215)

8.30 Blues and Twos: Make Pumps Five Documentary series about the work of the emergency services. This week's programme looks at tirelighters in Gerrarda Cross (Teletext) (s) (3050) 9.00 Taggart: Devil's Advocate. In the lines

episode another two victims are murdered and Jardine and Reid are fast running out of suspects, Starring James MacPhereson (Teletext) (s) (3789) 10.00 ITN News at Ten and weather (Teletera)

10.30 HTV West Headlines and Weather

10.40 FELM: Knight Moves (1993) starring Christopher Lambert. A chess player tries to unravel cunningly disguised clues from a serial killer who challenges him to a bizante psychological game. Directed by Carl Schenkel (Teletext) (82099708)

12.50 Not Forte Awar: Sonia (s) (4238267) 1.50 Shift (6176451) 2.40 ITV Sport Classics (2404258) 3.10 Ou the Live Side (17798432)

3.30 The Crime Hour (58074) 4.30 The Time... the Place (61616) 5.00 The New Mr & Mrs Show (46819) 5.30 ITN Morning News (51600)

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2.05 FILM: Biossoms in the Dust (1941) starring Greer Garson as a widower who tounds a Texas orphanage Directed by Mervyn LeRoy. (Teletext) (437418)

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7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) (850963) 7.50 The Stot. Viewers' soapbox (653418) 8.00 The Pulse. Medical magazine presented by Shahnaz Pakravan. (Teletext) (s)



Hand-rolling olgars in Cuba (8.30pm)

8.30 A Taste of the Carlibbean. The engagingly cheotic cookery series looks at Cube, its culsine and its customs (Teletext) (s) (1692)

9.00 The Real X-Files. An Equipox anecial about how the American intelligence forces have trained and deployed psychics for explonage missions (r) (Teletext) (s) (4031)

10.00 FILM: Butterbox Babies (1994). Television film based on the true story of Lila and William Young, who lounded the during the Second World War. Starring Susan Clark, Peter Macneill and Michael Riley. Directed by Don McBrearty (Teletext) (s) (210215)

11.50 Cutting Edge: Sexual Harasement (r) (Teletext) (s) (31392) 12.50em Dispatches (r) (Teletext) (2973819)

1.35 Rebellion of the Hanged, A Spanish drama set in Mexico English subtitles (r) 3.05 FTLM: Signal 7 (1984) Improvised comedy about failed actors turned San Francisco cabbies With Bill Ackridge and Dan Leegant. Directed by Rob Nilssons (658141). Ends at 4.40

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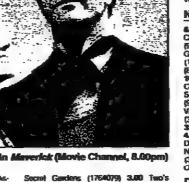


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PERFORMANCE 7.00pm Pulcinetta 9.00 Mozari's La Finta Grandmera 12.00-2.00em Havink — Bertioz THURSDAY JANUARY 18 1996

Cronje and Kallis usher South Africa to victory at Kingsmead and series triumph

Donald adds to England's one-day woes

DURBAN (South Africa won toss): South Africa beat Eng-

AFTER all the brave talk of fightbacks, England's cricket-ers went very quietly last night. Outperformed with bat. ball and in the field, they were beaten with ease by South Africa in the fifth one-day international at Kingsmead and, by going 4-1 down, sur-rendered the seven-match series with two games to play.

It was England's first defeat in a one-day series since they were beaten 3-2 in the Caribbean two years ago, Michael Atherton's first full series as captain. Since then they have beaten New Zealand, South Africa and West Indies, although they failed to qualify for the World Series Cup finals in Australia last year.

South Africa's match-winners were, with the ball, Allan Donald and, with the bat, Hansie Cronje and Jacques Kallis, who broke their country's third-wicket partnership record in one-day internationals with a stand of 118. Kallis played the innings that will. perhaps, be remembered long-er, but it was Cronje who broke the shackles imposed by the England seamers after Cork had dismissed Kirsten and Hudson with his first nine

Kallis scored a fine 67, his maiden half-century at international level, and revealed himself to be a player with both an excellent tempera-

of strokes. He is the third player of outstanding promise to emerge for South Africa during England's tour, after two bowlers, Shaun Pollock and Paul Adams. Kallis is 20, Pollock 22 and

Adams 18. By way of contrast,

the only players England can claim to have unearthed are Peter Martin, who is 27 and of less obvious pedigree, and Jack Russell, 32, who has reemerged from the shadows as a one-day player. Yesterday Russell played his third valuable innings of the series, a sprightly 21 from 36 balls that helped pull round an England



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England finished the game as listlessly as they did the previous one at Centurion Park last Sunday, with Atherton rotating his bowlers in desperate search for a breakthrough while bowling to de-fensive fields. While this went on, the South Africa batsmen did much as they pleased.

Even so, it might have be a different outcome had England fielded as do South Africa, which is to say breathtakingly. They dropped Cronje three times and Kallis once. three of them the sort of sharp chances South Africa take in their sleep — one of which split the webbing on Stewart's left hand and required four stitches - and the fourth an absolute sitter. The culprit was DeFreitas and the recipient Cronje, who was on 29 at the

It was a battle fought out among the seamers, although England made a late throw of the dice with Hick's off spin. Having examined the pitch under heavily overcast skies, Atherton took a last-minute decision to leave out Illingworth in favour of

South Africa recalled de Villiers, who showed no sign of rustiness after his recent injury, and McMilian, despite an announcement earlier in the week that he would not ppear again in the series. Cullinan was again incapacitated by his calf strain.

As usual, the real difference between the two bowling sides was the destructive pace of wickets in 27 balls wrecked the promising start made by Atherton and Stewart, who put on 51 for the first wicket in 15 overs before both fell in Donald's second over. Donald soon added the scalps of Hick and Smith, after which it was

series. Thorpe was left to supervise the later stages of England's innings. He began in typically pugnacious fash-ion, by pulling Donald for two

Donald is jubilant after bowling Stewart during the spell that destroyed the England batting yesterday. Photograph: Graham Morris supporting cast was an object nant partner in stands of 54 in 14 overs with White and 32 in lesson. They rarely strayed seven with Russell, but his from the straight and narrow. so that when England's frusdismissal for 63, his third halfcentury in four innings, trated batsmen were driven to started a collapse that showed taking liberties, they often the tail at its feeblest.

ENGLAND. BOWLING: Pollock 10-1-31-2; Mail "M A Albanion c Richardson thews 10-1-37-2; de Visiers 9.5-0-35-1; Donald 10-0-41-4; Michillem 8-0-25-0; Cronje 2-0-8-0. b Donald..... Stewart b Donald...

South Africa won town

away fixture in Poland.

At the draw in Paris last

month, the European countries were split into nine

groups for the qualifying tour-

nament. The nine winners and

the best runner-up qualify automatically for the finals. The other eight runners-up will be paired for the play-offs

with only the winners going

through.
Scotland, who are in a six-

nation group with Austria, Larvia, Estonia, Sweden and

Belorussia. have avoided play-

ing any ties before the Euro-

pean championship finals in

Instead, they will start on

August 31, in Vienna, where

they defeated Austria in a

friendly two years ago. The

Scots have a tradition of

winning their opening match

while trying to qualify for the World Cup. They will then

play an away double-header, against Latvia on October 5

and against Estonia on Oct-

Scotland's first home game

will be against Sweden, the

probable group favourites, on

November 10. This is the first

of three successive home

games. Estonia wili visit

Hampden on March 29, 1997

and Austria on Wednesday,

April 2. Both visiting countries

will have just come out of

The Scots, who were repre-

sented at their fixtures meet-

ing in Vienna yesterday by

Craig Brown, the team man-

ager, and Jim Farry, the SFA's

chief executive, will visit Stock-holm on Wednesday, April 30,

followed by a trip to Belorus-

sia on Sunday, June 8. Their

final home matches are

against Belorussia and Latvia

in September and October.

winter breaks.

England this summer.

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FALL OF WICKETS: 1-51, 2-52, 3-61, 4-78, 5-132, 6-164, 7-170, 8-177, 9 †D J Richardson, P S de Villers, C R Methews and A A Donald did not but. FALL OF WICKETS: 1-1, 2-9, 3-127, 4-150, 5-183.

RESULTS SO FAR: Jan 9: Cape Town South Africa won by six runs. Jan 11: Bloemfontain: England won by five wickets. Jan 13: Johanneburg: South Africa won by three wickets. Jan 14: Pretoria: South Africa won by seven wickets: Jan 17: Durbart: South Africa won by seven wickets: Jan 17: Durbart: South Africa won by seven wickets: Jan 17:

MATCHES TO COME Jan 19: East London, Jan 21: Port Elizabeth.

paid the price. Indeed, nine of After Thorpe was out in the England's wickets were always going to be an uphill fight for England. 44th over, only 20 runs were bowled or caught behind and the tenth — the run-out of Russell — was also down to added and Cork, DeFreitas Not for the first time in this and Gough, who was out the accuracy of the bowler. Pollock kicking the ball with attempting the only shot he seems to know, the nurdled leg glance, all failed to hit out in the way late-order players his right foot into the stumps. izes (b 1, ib 4, w 6) must in one-day cricket. Draw in Hamilton, page 46 FA happy with fixture balance for World Cup qualifying task

1 Satan; an old march (7) 5 Solar System visitor, bright tail (5)

ACROSS

- 8 Biographer of Socrates (5) 9 Criminal (5.2)
- 10 Lack of practice (12)
- 12 Be living example (of) 14 Sun god; moon mission (6)
- 17 Politician with no local roots (6-6) 21 Coming (unpleasantly)
- close (7) 22 Beat: edible seeds (5)
- j 23 Take a dip (5) 24 General pardon (7)
- 4 Prize (6) 5 Identical genetic copy (5) 6 Amazing, inexplicable (7)

Unevenly balanced (8)

2 Ardently desire (5)

3 Old mugger (7)

- 7 Offensive vehicle: liquid container (4) 11 Abstemious state (8) 13 Show (truth of) (4,3)
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ENGLAND

ENGLAND, notoriously at-ease in international tures soon after the start of the Sun Sep 1: Moldavia (a) domestic season, will have to Wed Oct 9: Poland (h) play their first game on Sep-Sat Nov 9: Georgia (b) tember I this year when trying to qualify for the 1998 World

Cup finals. They will begin Wed Feb 12 Pay (n) their campaign by visiting Moldavia for the first time. Wed Apr 30: Georgia (h) Sat May 31: Poland (a) The initial home game will Wed Sep 10: Moidanu (h) be against Poland, at Wem-Sat Oct 11: kaly (a) bley on October 9, and the last match will be against Italy, in

Rome on October 11, 1997. Terry Venables, who will be handing over as England coach after the European championships in June, and Graham Kelly, the FA's chief executive, spent four hours a: a meeting in Warsaw yesterday reaching agreement with representatives of Italy. Poland. Moldavia and Georgia. Only the winners of the group are certain of a place in the finals in France, in which 32

nations will compete. "Even if you picked out eight perfect solutions, someone could find holes in it because it is so difficult to negotiate the ideal strategy."

Venables said. England will play four of their qualifying games at weekends, which is a change in the usual pattern. I think it will help the clubs a great deal because they will now get their players back for a week before they have to play again. Venables said.

David Davies, the FA's director of public affairs, said: "Our priority going into these negotiations was to deliver a balanced programme of fixtures, balanced in alternating home and away games, balanced in giving time between fixtures and balanced in build-

SCOTLAND

Sat Aug 31; Austria (a) Sat Oct 5: Latvia (a) Wed Oct 9: Estonia (a) Sun Nov 10; Sweden (h)

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Sat Oct 11: Latvia (h)

ing momentum and spreading

the games.
"We also wanted to avoid the worst of the weather in our opponents' countries. Some of our rivals had the same priorities and Italy have a similar start to us — away to Molda-via and a similar alternation of fixtures. However, the reality is that we have achieved our

main aim." After meeting Moldavia, England will play Poland,

World Cup rivals of old. at Wembley and then complete their autumn campaign with a match in Georgia, another weekend fixture, on Novem-

The FA decided not to play a game in March 1997, after a request from the Premier League, because of the busy Easter programme. Instead Italy will visit Wembley on February 12. The home match with Georgia is on April 30, a

Dumitrescu agrees to sign for West Ham

ILIE DUMITRESCU WILL end his unhappy spell at Tottenham Hotspur by joining their London neighbours, West Ham United, today in a deal worth \$1.5 million.

After signing their second foreign international in a fortnight, however, West Ham will have to wait for the Romania World Cup forward to be given a new British work permit, which could take up to two weeks.

Slaven Bilic, the Croatia centre back who joined West Ham from Karlsrühe for a club record \$1.65 million earli-

er this month, is also awaiting a work permit, applied for ten

"Ilie has to reapply after changing clubs but we are hopeful it won't take more than a fortnight," Peter Storrie, the West Ham managing director, said. "The fee has been agreed and so have his personal terms. Now it is just a question of completing the medical examination." Mark Walters, 32, the for-

mer England winger, has joined Southampton after being given a free transfer by

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Russians launch onslaught on rebels after declaring there is no hope for captives



Rockets rain on hostage village

FROM CARLOTTA GALL IN PERVOMAISKOVE. THOMAS DE WAAL IN MOSCOW AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

RUSSIAN forces set out to level the village of Pervomaiskoye yesterday with a blizzard of rockets, saying there was "little hope" for any nostages after three days of bloody lighting with Chechen

steppes around the ruined village, hundreds of weary troops pulled back. and the Russians unleashed volley after volley of powerful Grad rockets. The cluster of small buildings came under rocket attack from helicooter gunships and was struck by rounds of artillery shells. Heavy machinegun fire in the late afternoon signalled con-

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tinued Chechen "We are pulling the troops out," said the commander of the Alpha special forces unit. wearing the distinctive green helmet fitted with a two-way radio and mouthpiece. "Twice SOBR went in and

twice they withdrew," he said, speaking of the Interior Ministry's rapid reaction unit. overrun the village. "They had heavy machineguns every-Chechens, explaining why Russian forces failed to hold their positions.

Others described the Che-chens using an intricate system of trenches for protection, along which they moved their heavy machineguns. "It was tough," said another special

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WHERE ARE THE CHECHENS?

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Since their defeat in the middle of the last century the

Chechens have been driven from their homeland

losses." The officer said that there were still a few hostages alive of the 70 or so remaining in the village. He saw two dead. "There are some. They are sitting in cellars in holes they have dug themselves."
His men, their faces grubby

under their helmets, their cheeks speckled with red marks from firing their rilles. climbed on to waiting buses. We are all getting out and then we are going to screw them with the Grads," said one of the commandos.

Reporters were expelled by Russian military authorities from Pervomaiskoye and neighbouring villages yesterday. The region, in the republic of Dagestan, is just across the border from Chechenia.

DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

EVEN in ancient times, the

Black Sea was regarded as

dangerous and hostile. It was

known as the Pontus Axeinus

because of its remoteness from

the Graeco-Roman world and

its violent storms which blew

up unexpectedly and wrecked

The sea was, from ancient

times, a vital trading route,

and Greek colonies were es-

tablished along the northern

many ancient ships.

the inhospitable sea -

The Russians began storming the village on Monday, break-ing a five-day standoff and refusing the Chechen demands for safe passage to their homeland. At the time, authorities said they resorted to force because the gunmen were killing hostages — an allegation denied by separatist leaders in Chechenia.

Earlier yesterday, Russian officials again claimed that they escalated the conflict because hostages were being killed. Major-General Alek-sandr Mikhailov, a spokesintelligence service, said the gunmen planned to kill the captives and try to escape. "Because the situation is becoming more complicated, we have decided to conclude the operation," he said. Asked about the hostages, he said: "We have little hope for them."

On the road leading to the soldiers are responsible for Pervomaiskoye, he said laconskoye and the military had decided to "conclude" the op-eration by force. "We're no longer talking about a hostage-freeing operation. he said.

The Russians said that 41 of an estimated 116 hostages had escaped the battle unhurt. They admitted having 18 soldiers killed and 60 wounded, but the real figure may be

under intense pressure to end on the side of his opposition. Duma deputies yesterday lambasted Mr Yeltsin for botching his whole policy on Chechenia. "Neither the people, nor the generals, nor

Centuries of cloak-and-dagger

this," said Ramazan Abdulatipov, a deputy from Dagestan.

A statement adopted by an overwhelming majority of deputies condemned the deputies condemned Chechens for "using extreme forms of terrorist acts", but called on the Government "not to permit unjustified actions, which lead to the deaths of wholly innocent people".

Gennadi Seleznev, the Communist candidate for Speaker. was elected with 231 out of a possible 450 votes at the third attempt. His job carries no great constitutional powers, but it will give the Communists immense leverage over the new parliament.

Russian Public Television. the main state network, canceled all entertainment programming last night because of the fighting.

man invaders trying to secure

the Caucasus oil reserves, and

in 1944 Stalin deported the

entire population, and the

neighbouring Ingush people,

In their fight with the Rus-

sians, the Chechens and other

turbulent Caucasian groups

have looked to the West,

especially to Britain. They

appealed to Oueen Victoria for

help, and the Russo-Turkish

wars preoccupied Palmerston

In the 1840s, the Russians

began to suspect that British

agents were operating among

the Circassians, supplying

them with arms and advice.

indeed, there was one En-

elishman who was actively

helping them: James Long-

worth, a special correspondent

for The Times, which support-

ed the Circassian cause, spent

months with the Mujahidin.

not only reporting the fighting

but organising resistance at

the same time as Imam Sha-

myl, the great guerrilla hero.

was stirring revolt across the

Shamyl, under the banner

of muridism, a brand of Sufi

mysticism, spent more than 20

Russians, taking advantage of

the Crimean war and plotting

with the allies. As Peter

Hopkirk, the author of The

Great Game, makes clear, the

cloak-and-dagger struggle in

the Caucasus was for years

intimately linked to the titantic

battle between the British and

the Russians for control of

Central Asia, Terrorism, then as now, played a key role.

mountains in Dagestan.

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Central Asia. Some 200,000 died during the mass exodus; the survivors were allowed stabilisation in the past six Today's strategic importance lies in the main oil pipeline that runs close to Grozny: the Russians are bidding to carry huge oil exports from the Caspian, and are determined to safeguard the

Another Western economic expert in Moscow said Mr Chubais's departure was bad news because he was the "last protector" of junior ministers who were reforming the economy. Without his patronage their positions were virtually

The embarrassment is all the greater for the IMF delegation. Its head. Yusuke Horiguchi, reportedly said the deal was unaffected, but even before the resignation, IMF officials had signulled their worries about a change in economic policy after the Communists' election success. The package is worth \$9 billion over three years and is the second largest in the

The deal was negotiated by Mr Chubais and there may be a strong temptation for the IMF to try to renegotiate parts or to "backload" payments. offering the Government a small tranche this year in the hope of ensuring budgetary prudence while promising

Removal of 'last reformer' hits \$9bn IMF deal

ECONOMY

BY THOMAS DE WAAL

VISIT to Moscow by an delegation was in confusion yesterday as negotiations to sign a \$9 billion loan package incided with the resignation of the last man to symbolise radical reform in the Russian Government.

Anatoli Chubais, sole surviv ng Minister from President Yeltsin's reforming team of 1992, has sent Western financial institutions and embassies in Moscow into shock. Shares on the emerging stock market lost 7 per cent to 10 per cent of their value on the news. As First Deputy Prime Minister in charge of the economy, he

Chubais made an amazing contribution to the progress of the Russian economy, both by pushing through the largest privatisation in any post-Com-munist country and by stabilising the inflation rate," said Richard Layard, of the London School of Economics, who advised the Russian Government in 1992 and was in Moscow as Mr Chubais was re-signing. "He will be very difficult to replace."

Mr Chubais's removal is a clear sop to voters for the Communist Party, which topped the poll in last month's elections. One of the 1992 reform team, he has long been a hatefigure for the parliamentary opposition. Yesterday he said the President takes decisions not because of macroeconomic results, but because of the mood the electorate". The economy has shown signs of

months. The monthly inflation rate dropped to 3.2 per cent last month from almost 20 per cent at the start of 1995 and economic indicators suggest industrial production's fall is bortoming out. Now investors fear much of that may be in

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Chubais: departure

pigger payments next year. For the first time since 1991,

Mr Yeltsin is without a Western-leaning economist in a high government position. In the past ten days he has also got rid of his generally pro-Western Foreign Minister, Andrei Kozyrev, and his liberal chief of staff, Sergei

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CAUCASUS HISTORY

shores: indeed, as it became better known, the name changed to Euxinus - the of its earlier opposite appellation. For hundreds of years, the

mountainous and fertile lands around the sea saw a constant swirl of war, emigration and conquest, as invaders from the east and south reached the edge of Europe. But for 70 years, after 1917, all trade across the sea virtually ceased: the northern littoral was sealed behind the Soviet frontier while Turkey, which controls the vital Bosphorus exit, became a staunch member of the Western Alliance.

After the collapse of communism, trade resumed at a redoubled rate. Russians poured across into Turkey to buy consumer goods by the caseful and take them home on overcrowded ferries, at great profit. The scale of this unofficial "suitcase trade" is now so great that Turkey estimates it was worth about £44 billion last year making Russia Turkey's second-largest trading partner. in 1995, an estimated one million Russians visited Turkey - as traders or tourists enjoying the resorts of the

northern coast. The Black Sea is now the centre of a new regional trading group, underpinned by Turkey, which brings to-gether Russia, Ukraine, Moldavia, the Transcancasus, Albania. Romania, Greece and Bulgaria to the advantage of this new co-operation bloc that cuts across old alliances.

Throughout history, however, the Black Sea has been a strategic prize, vital to the interests of nations at war. The Bosphorus, no more than 750 yards wide at its narrowest, is by far the most vital waterway, and the cause of count-less wars and diplomatic

struggle scar turbulent region tussles between Turkey and Russia. Its use is now strictly regulated by the 1936 Montreux Convention, but throughout the Soviet era Moscow was constantly testing the will of the Turks to

enforce the accord.

The initial determination of the hijackers to sail to the Bosphorus and blow up the ferry there was a quick way of focusing world attention on the Chechen grievances by causing maximum damage and disruption. The tanker traffic through the waterway has now reached almost saturation point and accidents and collisions are an increasing risk. An explosion in the heart of Istanbul would not only block vital traffic; it could kill hundreds along the populated banks, or set off disastrous fires. The first priority for the Turkish Government must

therefore be to prevent the ferry reaching the Bosphorus. The Chechens have been resisting Russian rule for some 200 years, attempting in vain to protect their independence in the swirl of battle between the Russians and the Turks. Although only half the size of Switzerland, their homeland's strategic location has made it an almost permanent battleground; in the Sec-

Shamyl: waged war on Russians for 20 years

Rights group set to reject Moscow again

BY MICHAEL BINYON

THE Council of Europe is likely again to reject Russia's application for membership because of the fighting in Chechenia. The 38-member body, considered the yardstick and guarantor of democratic standards in Europe, had postponed accession because of fighting in the

breakaway Russian republic last year. The council, under whose aegis the European Court of Human Rights hears cases of human rights violations, will meet next Thursday in its Strashourg headquarters to consider Moscow's long-

STRASBOURG

chairmanship of the council.

standing application. One council official said yesterday that the renewed fighting would inevitably influence the decision. Daniel Tarschys, the Swedish secretary-general, arrives in Moscow today. He will be accompanied by a representative of Denmark, which now holds the

President Yeltsin has pressed hard for full membership of the council, and has expressed anger that other former communist countries have been admitted

while it has had only special guest status since its original application in May 1992. Moscow sees membership as proof that the West has fully accepted Russia as a democratic partner, and is increasingly furious at being kept in the waiting room.

On December 20 the political committee of the council's parliamentary assembly voted in favour of Russian accession. But the entire assembly needs to ratify the vote. In 1994, Vladimir Zhirinovsky, the leader of the right-wing Liberal Democratic Party, caused outrage by his anti-Semitic outburst during a visit to

LEADING

Ministers accused of corruption quit Rao Cabinet

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN BOMBAY

opposition party resigned last prosecute them in a EI2 million bribery scandal.

The action against seven politicians, including a former Deputy Prime Minister, has stunned the political establishment in Delhi. Those who resigned last night were Madhav Rao Scindia, the Minister for Human Resource Development, and Vidya Charan Shukla, the Parliamentary Affairs Minister, ac-

cording to local news agencies. Mr Scindia and Mr Shukla were two of the three ministers against whom federal police on Tuesday had requested permission to begin prosecutions in connection with the scandal, Balram Jakhar, the Agriculture Minister, had resigned earlier in the day.

The resignation of Lal K. Advani, leader of the opposition Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), as an MP to put pressure on the named ministers to quit clearly had the desired effect. He said he would not contest the general election expected in about three months unless he had been cleared of the charges.

tions of corruption in P. V. Narasimha Rao's ruling Congress party as a key plank in its campaign for the polls. The Central Bureau of In-

vestigation said he and the other accused were involved in a 650 million rupee bribe scandal. The bureau operates under the direct authority of the Prime Minister, giving him a powerful tool to investigate his political enemies. It is inconceivable that the bureau would have acted without

consulting him.
The Indian Express reported vesterday that Mr Rao had "pulled off a coup of sorts with



Advani: says the case

Aids campaign move

By Christopher Thomas

INDIA has set up a national Aids committee to co-ordinate an erratic campaign against

The first official attempt to tackle growing infection rates has meant sidestepping some taboos: there is now official admission that homosexuality and prostitution are widespread and that India is world Aids crisis.

With 65,000 prostitutes in red-light areas in Bombay, for example, and an estimated 90 per cent not insisting on their clients using condoms, India is heading for an Aids epidemic worse than Africa's. The Indian Health Organismillion to 50 million HIV- messages.

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positive people in four years. Dr I. S. Gilada, the secretarygeneral of the organisation, said an estimated 85 per cent of transmissions of HIV were through heterosexual contact. Homosexuals accounted for 3 per cent, 5 per cent came from transfusions of infected blood and most of the rest from

intravenous drug abuse. He added that the stigma associated with extramarital sex in India prevented people from having blood tests until the infection was advanced. In 1986, the Government broadcast foreign-made Aids warnings, but these were considered too explicit and withdrawn. Since then, there have

the CBI filing a charge sheet against his political oppo-nents". Mr Rao was asked if Congress would be tainted by the scandal. "It will tarnish the image of all those parties involved," the Prime Minister

Devi Lal, the former Deputy Prime Minister, who is one of those charged, said: "Charges were framed, keeping in mind the main challengers to the Prime Minister's chair."

The allegations stem from public interest litigation filed by an investigative journalist alleging illegal payment of foreign funds, or hawala, to public servants from 1988 to

The bureau said the politi-cians were charged with "abetment to corruption", which bribes. About 115 leading politicians and civil servants have been named in a petition before the Supreme Court. The accused say that the charges have been brought as pre-election ploy.

Dipankar Gupta, the Solicitor-General, told a three-judge bench of the Supreme Court: Investigations against the remaining politicians, bureaucrats and others is continuing and further action is expected to be taken shortly."

The allegations relate to foreign currency transactions involving overseas firms that won large government con-tracts. The Supreme Court in 1993 ordered the bureau to pursue investigations into the case after journalists filed a public interest petition saying that the inquiry had been halted because it involved

prominent people.

The court, in upholding the petition, ordered that progress in the case should be reported every month to the Chief

Mr Advani led a protest march by supporters of his Hindu right-wing party from the parliament building in

Delhi yesterday.
"The BJP is the principal challenger in the coming election," he said. "These charges have been filed on the eve of case, a frame-up.

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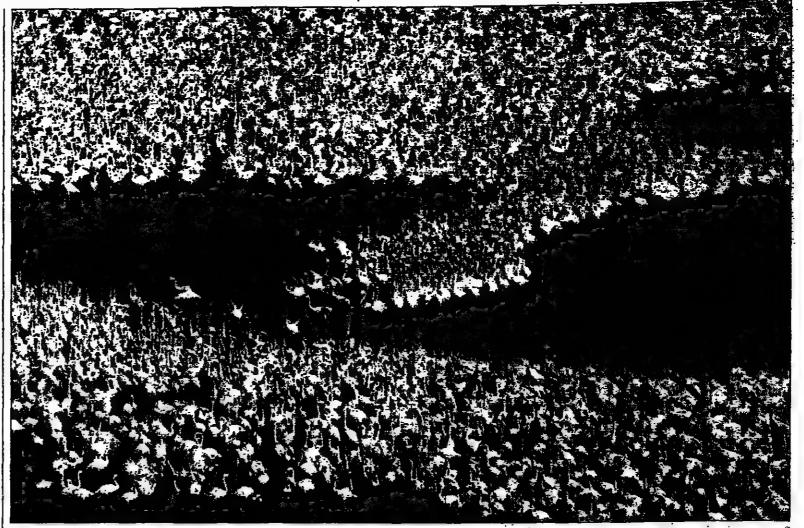
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Flamingo flocks like this are disap-pearing at an alarming rate from Kenya's Rift Valley, raising fears that pollution could be threatening the birds' survival — and tourist

income (Sam Kiley writes).

Most badly hit is Lake Nakuru. One of the wonders of the natural world, the rose-coloured carpet of lesser flamingos feeding there has

Mystery of missing flamingos

hot were showed numbers had fallen from 1.9 million to 30,000. People in the area blame a drastic drop in the lake's water level and sewage and industrial pollution. Tourist lodges in Lake Naturu National Park have

feeding. "There is no conclusive evidence yet about what has hap-pened to the chemistry of the highly alkaline lakes, said Oliver Nasirwa from the National Museum of Ke-

Bogoria and Elemendita, fair from large towns, have also suffered a drop in flamingo numbers of up to

80 per cent.
This weekend there will be a census 🚭 at Lake Magadi, near the Tanzanian border. Mr Nasirwa said: "We simply don't know where they have

Portugal saves ice age engravings

PORTUGAL has "permanently postponed" a half-built £300 million dam that would have destroyed the world's largest site of ice age engravings.

The engravings were discovered in a remote valley just over a year ago and archaeologists already believe the area, in the northeast near Foz Coa, may unlock secrets not only about what Stone Age man did, but what he thought. At the launch in Porto of a

600-page book on the engravings, Manuel Maria Carrilho, the Culture Minister in the three-month-old Socialist Government, thanked The Times for leading the interna-

added that the area will be a national park.

Senhor Carrilho accused the previous Government of being arrogant about the controversy, saying: "There is no doubt that if the SDP [Social Democraic Partyl had won the elections, they would have continued the dam ... the country was divided fifty-fifty over the engravings because there was much local newspaper speculation that sup-ported the SDP and ques-tioned the authenticity of the engravings. But international experts [consulted by The Times] had weight and public opinion shifted in our favour.

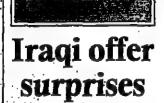
the hydroelectric scheme. He as part of a regional development plan. It will have a cultural centre, youth hostel and young people will be trained as guides. We will commue studying the engravings and protect them. They are our history, our heritage and our roots. We must preserve our

patrimony." It is understood unofficially that the Government will eventually force the state electricity company to abandon the dam project. Antonio Guterres, the Prime Minister, wants to protect the environment and rethink a massive construction programme that has been transforming Portugal, not always for the better, "Now we will create a park since the country joined the we can see this."

European Union in 1986. João Zilhao, 39, who is Professor of Prehistoric Archaeology at Lisbon University, will coordinate the park project. He. has a budget of about £1 million and expects up to a thousand visitors a day from this summer.

He said: "What is unique is that the state of the territory changed since palaeolithic

One can see how people used the landscape. Like the Aborigines in Australia, they did not build monuments but turned the whole landscape into a monument. Coa is the only place in the world where



oil traders New York: Iraq offered yesterday to renew talks with the United Nations on selling limited amounts of oil to buy food for its suffering population (James Bone writes).

The move by Baghdad threw the oil market into confusion and prompted speculation that President Suddam Hussein's regime was run-

But it was unclear whether Iraq would agree to the "oilfor food" scheme spelt out by the Security Council. The resolution permits Iraq to sell \$1 billion (£649 million) worth of oil every three months provided most of the crude is shipped by pipeline across Turkey, and some proceeds go towards helping the Kurds.

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Alan Bond heads for fraud trial

Perth: Alan Bond, once one of Australia's richest men, has been ordered to stand trial in March for what prosecutors claim is the country's biggest ever corporate fraud case. Mr Bond and co-accused Peter Mitchell, an executive from his now defunct Bond Corporation, have pleaded innocent. The two men are accused of conspiring to defraud another company. Bell Resources Ltd, of \$Aust billion (about £500 million). (AP)

HIV woman may bid for Congress

Washington: Judith Billings, 56, the schools superintendent in Washington State who became HIV-positive more than a decade ago while trying to become pregnant by using donor sperm, may run for Congress this year. The liberal Democrat, who will decide by March whether to challenge the sitting Republican, said: "We need grown-ups in Congress."

Chun tries to overturn law

Seoul: Chun Doo Hwan, the former South Korean President on trial for plotting a coup 16 years ago, began a battle to nullify the law, adopted last month, that excluded presidential terms from the 15year statute of limitations. He called it retroactive and thus unconstitutional (AP)

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existing singles champion

Hubble captures death of a star

BY NIGEL HAWKES

A STAR in its death throes has been photographed by the Hubble space telescope, pro-viding a foretaste of the Sun's fate. The image of planetary nebula NGC 7027 was presented to an American Astronomical Society meeting in San Antonio, Texas, this week, showing a huge gas cloud blown off around a star as it reaches the end of its life and

dies to form a white dwarf. NGC 7027 is about 3,000 light years away in the direction of the constellation Cygnus. Once it was a star about the same size as the Sun, but when it ran out of hydrogen to burn it began burning helium



Violent end: the demise of Nebula NGC 7027

and expanding to form a red giant 50 times larger than its original size. When helium burning stopped, the star con-tracted, blowing off the outer layers to form a series of concentric layers. The extremely hot core was then exposed, cooling to form a white dwarf. When we saw

the photograph we were as-tounded by the exquisite wealth of detail," said Dr Howard Bond of the Space Telescope Science Institute in Baltimore, Maryland, The Sun of our solar system has five billion years to go before it begins to turn into something

dent. Cathleen Black, who is

expected to make changes to

improve the company's perfor-

mance. Reports suggested that

she and Mrs Gurley Brown

Competition from other

women's magazines has in-

creased, with many rivals

using the Gurley Brown for-

mula of sex, fashion and tips

on how to keep your man. Mrs

Gurley Brown is well qualified on that point, having been

married to the same husband

had their differences.

'Cosmo' succumbs to appeal of younger woman editor

FROM QUENTIN LETTS IN NEW YORK

HELEN GURLEY BROWN. the pioneering women's advocate and author, is to step down as editor of the American Cosmopolitan after 30

The departure of Mrs Gurley Brown, 73, from the magazine through which she transformed the image of young women was presented as a gracious withdrawal. However, sources suggested that the circumstances of her move were not so benign. She was said to be finding it hard to work for a new boss - a

Under the Gurley Brown editorship, "Cosmo" not only became the most successful women's magazine, but also vivaciously cast aside the mor-al bodice of the 1950s. Mrs Gurley Brown, glamorous and zestful, urged women to enjoy themselves and to de-ploy every tactic bestowed by their gender.

Not for her the man-hating, plain-faced dourness of certain feminists. Her 1962 bestseller Sex and the Single

Girl, based on her experience in 17 secretarial jobs, became a guidebook for the 1960s. In recent months Cosmopolitan, which is published in 27 countries under separate editors, has lost sales. Circulation dropped from three million to 2.6 million, and advertising revenue declined at least 8 per cent in the past year. Hearst Magazines, which

publishes Cosmopolitan, recently appointed a new presi-

Gurley Brown: pioneer of 1960s sexuality

The next editor of the American Cosmopolitan was announced as Bonnie Fuller, 39, editor of the American Marie Claire. Hearst Magazines said that the two women would work alongside each other for 18 months, with Mrs Gurley Brown training Fuller.

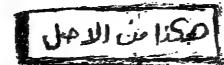
for 37 years.

One commentator said that the time lag gave Mrs Gurley Brown "enough rope to hang her successor" but other sources wonder how long the older woman will be able to endure the arrangement, and expect her to leave early.

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The Queen did not like Diana much'

DIANA AND SARAH: RELATIONSHIPS ON THE ROCKS

lizabeth's indulgence of her daughters-in-law, the Princess of Wales and the Duchess of York, was worry to the Royal House-

thing, Diana and Sarah would simply go to her over the heads of the Household and Significant wheedie: On, was the Housewheedle: "Oh, Ma'am, please, hold hate me," and so on. If approached from the other side, Elizabeth would say: "I can't interfere in my children's

Although aware of the mours about Sarah's behaviour with the Texan, Steven Wyatt (which her husband Prince Andrew steadfastly refused to believe), Elizabeth did not, apparently, know of the pact which both her daughters-in-law had made to separate from their husbands. according to Sarah's father, Major Ronald his mistress Lesley Player about it in the spring of 1991. But at Sandringham that Christmas, Andrew and Sarah told her of their decision to separate on the grounds of incompatibility. Caim but openly

Private anguish: Elizabeth and Diana, a daughter-in-law she never under abeth asked them to wait six months before taking an irrevocable decision. Privately. however, she was stunned. "I can't understand my children." she told a friend. "She [Sarah] didn't even try to be a naval wife ..."

or Elizabeth, the period she had spent in Maita as a young naval wife had been one of the happiest experiences of her life. Although there were other aspects of the failure of the marriage which, sadly, she did comprehend, her daughter-in-law's selfish have-it-all, grab-it-all attitude was simply alien to her. Her eyes were beginning to be opened as far as the Duchess

of York was concerned. "Fergie isn't as nice as you think she is," a royal relation said. Sarah wanted sex money, fun and excitement and she was prepared to sacrifice everything in order to get them. Incredibly, this woman was capable of selfdelusion to the extent that she told her father later: "I'm 34, nearly 35, and I haven't lived my life at all ..."
Even as Elizabeth delivered

her Christmas 1991 broadcast she knew that her family life was crumbling around her, although she was not fully aware of the extent of the dissolution.

One phrase of that broadcast. intended as an affirmation of her continuing determination to go on serving the nation after 40 years on the Throne, was to come back to haunt her: "With your prayers and your help, and the love and support of my family, I shall try and help you in the years to come. This was interpreted by various sections of the press as a slap in the face for Charles, sending a public signal that she did not intend to abdicate in his favour. It was no such thing: Elizabeth never has had any intention of abdicating and never will.)

There had already been one marital split in the family when, in 1080, Anne had separated from Mark Phillips; there had been a certain amount of scandal, first concerning one of Anne's detectives, then when letters written to her by one of the Palace equerries, her future husband, Commander Tim Laurence,

were stolen and taken to a tabloid newspaper.

Meanwhile, Mark Phillips had his own problems with allegations of affairs and a love-child. But Anne's popularity as one of the hardestworking members of the Royal Family (particularly for the Save the Children Fund) had seen her through. Mark Phillips behaved with dignity; the split had been amicable and the marriage was to be legally dissolved in April. Now Elizabeth knew there was to be a second marriage failure.

The publication of Andrew

True Story ended any sympa-

thy Elizabeth might have had

for her other daughter-in-law.

She had been aware of Di-

ana's difficulties and had had

several private talks with her

over the past years. She herself

had often found her son's

Philip had also been sympa-

thetic to Diana, as he had to

Sarah in his own way.

Because of his own position.

he had an insight into their

problems on marrying into the

Royal Family and he was

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women. As Major Ferguson

had written insinuatingly.

even when photographs had

surfaced of Wyatt with Sarah

and her two daughters in the

South of France, the Duke's

response had not been hostile

but rather: "There, but for the

throes of her psychological difficulties, had fits of panic

about going into a room to

meet a crowd of strangers.

Philip had jollied her along.

seizing her round the waist.

Now Diana had "gone public" with the Morton book in a way

which the Royal Family found-

impossible to forgive. The whole royal myth which Eliza-beth had worked so hard to

build up had started to unras-

el because of the "me" im-

pulses of two young women

who had voluntarily entered

the circle, enjoyed all its privi-

leges, and then turned on the

Sarah's indecent, uncon-

trolled blunderings seemed

more forgivable than Diana's

shrewd manipulation of the

media and her appeal to the

wider public who adored her.

Neither of them seemed to have given a moment's thought to the institution

At times when Diana, in the

grace of God, go I.

behaviour unsatisfactory.

which had made them rich and celebrated.

Elizabeth went on as usual. publicly serene but privately both furious and deeply

The traditional ceremony for the celebration of her official birthday. Trooping the Colour, went ahead as if nothing had happened, with the Princess of Wales part of the family party on the Palace balcony for the RAF fly-past. Privately, however, both Elizabeth and Philip, who had been at pains not to take sides, rallied to Charles, and Philip

"saint-like fortitude".

about the implication of such a

rah took her daughters to

wave to their grandmother as

the royal procession moved

down the course before the

races. Elizabeth waved but

inwardly she must have felt

despairing at yet another pub-

lic manifestation of what the

press now liked to call her "dysfunctional" family (on the

following race day, Andrew loyally joined his wife and

The royal show went on as if

nothing had happened, but behind the scenes the atmo-

sphere could have been cut

with a knife. Guests at lunch

noted that Elizabeth, unsur-

prisingly, seemed to be "in a

pretty bad temper". There was

an awkward atmosphere and

hefore lunch the Oueen stood

alone with a semicircle of

guests around her, none of

whom were brought up to talk

to her. With the exception of

Blair Stewart Wilson, the Master of the Household,

royal staff made no attempt to

celebrate

trous attempt at a family holiday on the Greek million-

aire John Lausis's yacht. they

joined the family at Balmoral.

had done little to make her

daughter-in-law feel at home.

Diana, she quickly realised,

was not her type of girl. She

was turning out to be emphati-

cally not the country lover

Charles had thought she was.

She was interested in clothes,

pop music, dancing and shop-

ping. Horses and dogs, hunt-

ing, shooting and fishing, the

In the early days, Elizabeth

put the guests at their ease.

daughters on the rails).

like Diana very much," an aide said. Later, when the Princess's behaviour became eccentric to the point of rudeness. Elizabeth simply did not understand her. Although a kind person, she is not an imaginative one.

royal pastimes, bored her. "The Queen didn't really

Since Buckingham Palace had never seemed intimidating to her, she assumed wrongly that Diana would adapt to its atmosphere. She was unused to close contact with girls of Diana's age and had little idea of how they might react to these unusual surroundings. Although the grim

facts of the marriage were already widely known or guessed at. the Prime Minister's announcement to the Commons in December 1992 of their separation, which was carried on all the television networks. was still profoundly shocking. John Major took pains to emphasise that, in his view, "the decision to separate has no constitutional implications". The implications of this statement brought a collective gasp from MPs, and no wonder. It was not merely papering over the cracks but wallpapering them with

thetic letter" praising his The idea that the Princess of At Royal Ascot the following Wales, living apart from her week, Philip for the first time husband and at daggers drawn with him, might be showed hostility towards Diana, refusing either to look at crowned Queen Consort her or speak to her. In private, struck most people as absurd. Elizabeth and her son dis-The bald statement that the cussed for the first time wheth-Prince of Wales's succession as er he should take the initiative head of the Church of England was also unaffected, although and separate from his wife. He strictly constitutionally corconsulted Lord Goodman, a celebrated lawyer and "fixer". rect, also required some swallowing and it was not long move, but for the moment did before leading clerics came out publicly to say so. At Ascot the disgraced Sa-Unfortunately for the

> Diana was a shrewd manipulator of the media, with an appeal to a wider public who adored her

Queen, within weeks of the announcement, the leaking of a taped conversation labelled. inevitably. "Camillagate", made it quite clear that Diana's fears about Camilla being her husband's mistress were completely justified. While to the sophisticated. Charles's dirty talk about living inside his lover's trousers being a Tampax appeared pathetic and puerile, the back-bone of middle Britain was shaken to the core.

t the end of the it was having its effect on month the Waleses attended a dinner to the senior members of the family. Even Elizabeth, who Queen's fortieth anniversary invited Diana to Sandringat which five British Prime Ministers were present. In August, after a brief, disas-



Public smiles: Elizabeth with Charles and Diana — but her son's new fiancee never felt accepted by the Palace

seen to be "furning" when the photographers massed to take pictures of Diana and packed up as soon as they had done so, ignoring the rest of the family. Although normally uninterested in publicity, she now took their attitude as a

Inside the house the atmosphere was tense and quarrelsome. At tea over Victorian tables loaded with delicious cakes and scones, there were family spats. Charles, the proud father, boasted how William had shot 20 pheasants. "That's rubbish," shouted Andrew. "I know it was only 15." Philip, who in the wake of the Waleses' separation had written his son some tough and unpalatable letters. for once leapt to Charles's defence: "Andrew, why do you always have to be so

Easter that year had been a low point for Elizabeth. For a son who so rarely revealed r feelings, she made it clear at small private dinner parties how depressed she was by the family situation and

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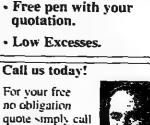
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THE miners have won their case to receive compensation for white finger disease, also known as Raynaud's phenomenon of occupational origin or vibration induced white fingers

Although occupational VWF was first described in 1911, when it was noticed that American workers who used pneumatic chisels for stone cutting developed arterial spasm in their fingers, its relevance to mining was only realised comparatively lately. In Britain in the 1930s people who used pounding machinery in boot and shoe factories often developed

Raynaud's. Initially, all those who suffered had been using tools which were power hammers. Later, those like the miners, who used cutting equipment which had a revolv-ing action, also became victims.

Any machine which causes a rapid vibration may be a cause, since arteries can respond adversely to a wide range of

As well as shoe workers, stone cutters, people using polishing machinery in the aerospace industry and chainsaw operators. a host of other workers in smaller trades must have also developed VWF and can expect to suffer dead, painful, useless fingers if they go out into the cold or if they become stressed. The miners may have set a precedent for a great many claims.

However, there are more cases of Raynaud's in cigarette smokers than in miners and it is found more often in women

ONE OF my patients is a

personable but tough Scottish

international salesman. He

attributes his success to his open face and ready smile. One night last autumn he

went to bed suffering from a

slight cold. Next morning he

was horrified to find that half his face was

paralysed: one of his eyes would not close properly and his enriching smile was replaced by a lop-sided grimace and drooling

mouth. He had Bell's palsy, paralysis of the

Although the onset of the paisy is often

associated with a cough, cold or minor

injection, the root cause is unknown, but the

possibility that it follows a viral infection has

always been considered likely. Now research-

ers in Japan suggest that the cause is the

herpes simplex virus, which is responsible for

the common cold sore and genital herpes. They report in the Annals of Internal

Medicine finding evidence of herpetic infec-

tion in 11 out of 14 cases of Bell's palsy. It is

suggested that treatment should include

acyclovir, an anti-viral agent, together with

muscles supplied by the facial nerve.

Facing a shock

in the mirror

the Royal Free Hospital, London, whose great interest is Raynaud's disease, says that there may be ten million people in the United Kingdom who show some of its features. Sufferers will notice that their fingers turn white or blue and red. The change in colour, and with it a loss of sensation, tingling and pain, can be triggered by exposure to the cold or

emotional stress. The symptoms are the result of spasm in the small arteries in the fingers and occasionally arteries in other extremities.

The ear, nose and tongue may show similar changes. Repeated attacks may leave the fingers looking shiny, smooth and claw-like.

The cause of this primary Raynaud's is unknown and as many as 90 per cent of sufferers are female, usually young women. in secondary Raynaud's the use of vibrating machinery is only one of the many causes. One of the most important is the rheumatic disorder systemic sclerosis, afflicting 10 per cent of all sufferers with progressive loss of tissue in their fingers, coupled with tighten-ing of the skin in the fingers and on the face. Arterial changes in the vessels leading to the lungs, oesophagus, intestinal tract, kidney and heart can also occur.

In other instances Raynaud's can be econdary to the use of drugs including betablockers, nicotine and oral con-traceptives, and to a wide variety of other diseases.

IN Stradbroke, Suffolk, there

is a worry about lead in the

glazing on porcelain beer mugs; in America anxiety

still centres on mercury in

tooth fillings. Whatever its

nature, concern about heavy-

metal poisoning has been a

source of alarm for centuries. Dental sur-

geons deny that the standard amaigam filling, a mercury alloy, can result in mercury

poisoning: and scientific evidence supports

them. But in America, demand for gold

fillings rose by almost 20 per cent last year.

Popular mythology suggests that chronic

mercury poisoning from tooth fillings can

undermine a person's sex life, ruin their gums

and cause loss of memory. In the past 30

years there have been major outbreaks of

poisoning from eating fish caught in mercury-polluted seas or bread made from seeds

Chronic mercury poisoning causes a stag-

gering walk, a tremor, difficulty in speaking,

sore gums and mouth, and a loss of intellect.

The term "mad as a hatter" comes from the

insanity that used to afflict hat-makers who

sprayed with mercury dressings.

Alarms about

heavy metals

Florence Nightingale deserves our apology

missed diagnosis can be serious. Dr James Le Fanu on the illnesses that often get overlooked

IT IS A great misfortune to be afflicted by some malady for which neither doctors nor their panoply of sophisticated tests can find a cause. Sooner or later it will be made clear that, as they can find nothing wrong, the symptoms must be psychosomatic or a manifestation of hypochondriasis. But what if this verdict is wrong? The consequences are well illustrated by two cases, the first of which, Florence Nightingale, is remembered as one of history's more famous

The reputation of this re-markable woman has always suffered from the charge that her personal life was the antithesis of the virtues she promoted in public. Her aims may have been loving and humanitarian, her administrative gifts exceptional, her writings a masterpiece of lucidity and common sense, but her personal relationships were cold and her attitude to others tyrannical.

rese personality traits became particularly marked after her return from the Crimea at the age of 37, when she became a chronic invalid. raphers that this was a sophisticated form of malingering, a means by which she could the

"Her indeterminate illnesses did not give her doctors much to work on," observes the historian, Professor F. B. Smith. "It remains indisputable that whenever Miss tingale announced herself to be ill, she was busy."



After her return from Crimea, Florence Nightingale became a chronic invalid. But her illness was genuine

rarely rising from her bed. It has been alleged by her biogaround her.

Nightingale an apology. Her of not only great physical distress but also of a profound melancholia which, together, more than explain the change

in her personality. The vital due, argues Dr David Young, formerly princi-pal scientist at the Wellcome Foundation, lies in the severe feverish illness to which she succumbed while in the Crimea and which left her emaciated, pale and extremely weak.

ver at the time, there is little doubt that this was brucellosis, caused by milk contami-The vital nated with the brucella .bacterium clue lies which, though rare in Britain, remains in her an occupational for farmers.

severe After the acute Crimean iliness, brucella persists in the body. According to fever' Dr Young, the de-

Nightingale's invalidity on her return to England is consistent with the chronic form of the infection, punctuated by relapses every few years.

Brucella attacks the nerves and joints, especially of the lower back, leading to severe and at times incapacitating pain. It can also cause less specific symptoms which may be misinterpreted as psychosomatic, including depression, loss of appetite, palpitations and nervous tremors.

Miss Nightingale was bedridden for the next six years with spinal pain so severe she was unable to change position. and which was eventually only

relieved by opium injections. Finally, around the age of 60, the iliness burnt itself out. "Gone was the cold, obsessed tyrant who rejected as inadequate the devoted services of

"As her character blossomed in its benevolence, this became a dignified, stout old lady with a large good-liu-Nowadays, bru-

cellosis can be diagnosed with antibody tests and cured with antibiotics, but somesymptoms of a chronic infection

chondriasis. As the editor of the Finnish

Medical Journal, Dr Ikka Vartiovaara had excellent medical connections but they proved to be of little help when, in 1987, he developed a range of puzzling symptoms. It started with pains in the joints, followed by a permanent sen-sation of cold, then an alter-

multiple scierosis and brain cancer were considered, along with other illnesses, but all scans and tests proved

e recalls in The Lancet: 'I knew I this belief to my colleagues lem patient. The dissatisfaction of my doctors could be clearly read between the lines. in their words and the farrows on their faces. Eventually, the

hospital said there was nothing more they could do." But his luck had not completely run out. Dr Vartiovasra mentioned to an American correspondent how, just before the start of his illness, he had been bitten by a bed-bug while attending an international conference in Vancouver. She immediately

caused by the tick-borne bacterium Borrelia burghdorferi. Soon afterwards I found myself in hospital. I still felt awful, but also good because I knew why I was so ill."

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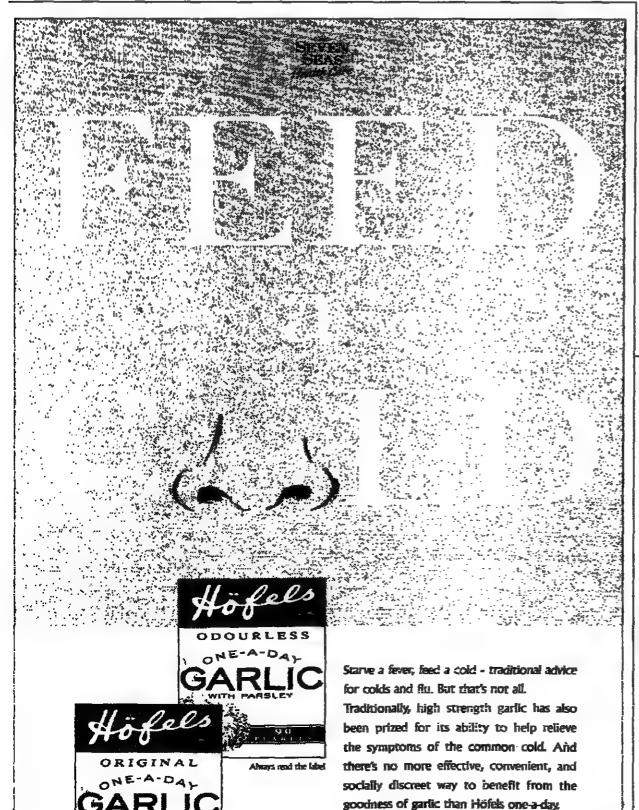
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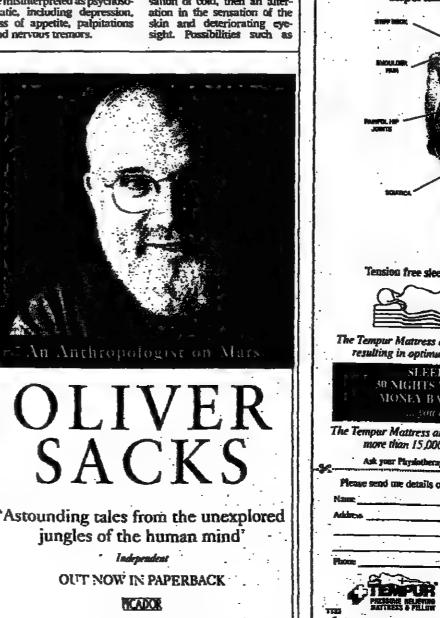
Lyme disease is curable with high doses of antibiotics injected directly into the vein, but for Dr Vartiovaara the delay in his diagnosis proved to have been too long as the irrenarable damage

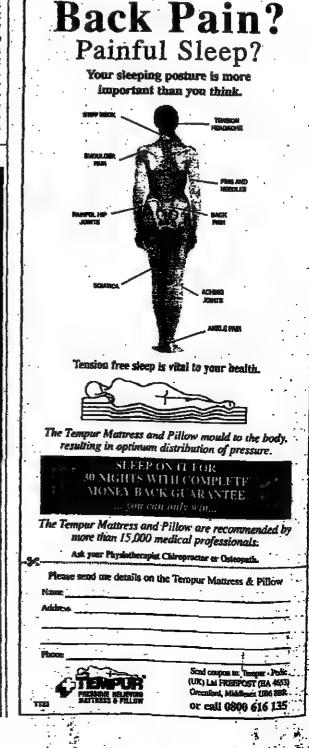
Lyme disease and brucellosis have much in common. After the acute phase, they tend to attack the muscles and nerves causing pain which. though only too obvious to the sufferer, may be difficult for others to interpret. They also cause irritability and depression which can convince doctors that the problem lies in the mind rather than the body. But the consequences of failing to make the correct diagnosis can be devastating - as these



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A slip which could cost Dole the presidency

THE BLIZZARDS that The New Yorker controin 3ft of snow claimed their most political victim this week when Elizabeth Dole, wife of the leading Repub-lican presidential candidate, slipped on ice and fractured her wrist while

out walking the dog. For Mrs Dole, who has briefly left the presidency of the American Red Cross to pursue her husband's final attempt at the White House, the injury has proved a minor irritation that should heal in time for

the campaigning ahead. A simultaneous political storm, emerging from a long career that has left a trail of policy decisions and private financial transactions, is unlikely to blow away with such ease.

Already The New Yorker magazine has turned its spotlight on her past, suggesting she had benefited financially from special treatment because of the political activities of her

hushand Senator Robert Dole. Elizabeth Dole at 59 is fast becoming the most compelling feature of her spouse's campaign, the Republican answer to Hillary

Before Mrs fracture, Dole had started a tour of

the country. Not, as in Mrs Clinton's case, to promote a soul-searching book on children and consciously deflate an image of hardened harridan, but rather to insist on a new role for America's First Lady.

At each stop, after a reading of the impressive credentials of the only woman to serve in separate Cabinet posts for different Administrations, hosts would introduce Mrs Dole with the identical mantra: She plans to return to her post as president of the American Red Cross upon her husband's election."

Mrs Dole, married for 20 years to the current Senate majority leader, puts it slightly differently. "There will be two President Doles if Bob is elected. He will be States, and I'll be president of the Red Cross."

While some see Mrs Dole's approach as refreshing, it has already created its own set of problems and conflicts of interest.

surfaced during Mr Dole's presidential campaign in 1988, centres on David Owen, for 20 years one of the senator's closest aides in Kansas before he was convicted of tax fraud.

time managing Mrs Dole's personal investments, placing them in a blind trust while she served in government. The magazine suggests that Mrs Dole was given special treatment on several occasions.

Mrs Dole has dismiss the allegations and Mr Owen has said she was not actually told of blind-trust investments prior to any

The Doles have made every attempt to minimise the relationship they once had with Mr Owen. a course strikingly similar to that taken by the Clintons with once-favoured associates in Arkansas. More than that, the reve lations have

come at a time when American politics is being governed by semantics. If pundits throughout the country are debating whether 60 hours of work in Arkan-

sas by Hillary Clinton can be described as Elizabeth Dole "minimal". should not Elizabeth Dole, a trained law-

yer with top-flight degrees from Duke and Harvard who spent time at Oxford. be expected to read her own financial statements? This may be the first electoral reminder that beneath the charming southern veneer of Elizabeth

Dole lies an ambition that

has already taken her to the top of the departments of transportation and labour. as well as the American Red Cross. She has harboured ambitions for the presidency as well as the vice-presidency and, since student days, has wanted to be married to the President of the United

Until now, the woman described by Lyndon B. Johnson as "a sugar-coated disguise her single-minded intent, but just as conservative America thought it had seen the back of one dabbling First Lady, another is apparently waiting chameleon-like in the wings.

How I wrote the book, got the dog and fixed the film

Valerie Grove know how big an impact writing Dodie Smith's biography would have on her own life

"I WRITE THIS sitting in the kitchen sink." Until recently I had never read the famous opening line of Dodie Smith's I Capture the Castle, but every woman I met (and several men) had. It had been in print for 45 years, a favourite with young girls and their mothers. Antonia Fraser told me it contained the most erotic scene ever written: Armistead Maupin based a novel on its format; and even the unromantic Alan Brien (the least sentimental man in the world, as his wife Jill Tweedie said)

Then I was asked to write Dodie Smith's biography by the novelist Julian Barnes, her

thought it a strangely beguil-

I had imagined the dogloving Dodie to be a sweet little old lady, the author of 1930s plays like Dear Octopus, later an admired autobiographer of her flappergirl youth on the stage, and as a salesgirl at Heal's in the

Early in 1991 I happened to be interviewing Gwen Ffrang-con-Davies on her 100th birthday, for The Times. After leaving her cottage I was driven back to Audley End station, and we passed a thatched cottage, closed and shuttered: "That was Dodie Smith's house." She had died six months before. "What happened to her last dalmatian?" 1 asked. I was told that Charley had died of a broken heart.

A few months later Julian Barnes rang. The hall of his house was now cluttered with Dodie's papers, to be shipped to Boston University. Carmen Callil, Julian said, wanted to publish a biography. She told me: "Read I Capture the Castle, then you'll do it."

She was right. I was captivated like so many others from page two, where Rose, the sisters who live in penury in a Suffolk castle, says she will go on the streets if necessary, to make some money, and Cassandra retorts briskly that she can't very well go on the streets in the depths of Suffolk. It was sharp and witty and full



Dodie Smith and Charley, her last dog: nagged by her lost fame, she wrote The Hundred and One Dalmatians in a state of furious resentment

of bizarre characters — and I knew that Dodie herself would be an interesting character.

I did not realise how interesting. After reading all her books and meeting her surviving friends, I got to snow-bound Boston in February 1994. Her diaries, which ran to millions of words, revealed that the lover she had called "Oliver" in her published memoirs was in fact Sir Ambrose Heal, the Terence Conran of his day. He already had a wife and a rather grand mistress, Lady Maufe, but Dodie told him shamelessly she would be content with "crumbs from a rich man's table". The character of "a young girl poised between childhood and adultery" resurfaced again and again in her novels.

There was also the fagfriends were almost all gay: Isherwood, John van Druten, Noel and Binkie etc. She preferred her menfolk untrammelled by wives and children - she never wanted children herself. Isberwood regarded her as one of the few people he could discuss his work with. When she came home from her long exile in America, she became fascinated by Julian Barnes, who arrived in 1969 at her cottage aged 22, a friend of her husband's half-sister Laurien: hence his literary executor-

everal reviewers have remarked on what an unsympathetic crea ture Dodie was selfish, egotistical, nagged by her lost fame and success when plays like Dear Octopus were superseded by angry young playwrights. But for a biographer this was a rich vein. It was in a state of furious resentment that she wrote The Hundred and One Dalmatians in 1956. When Disney bought it for his cartoon film, one of the most successful and money-spinning ever, it kept her going financially for years. And Pongo and Cruella de Vil have joined the immortals of children's literature.

There are two cheering postscripts to my story of a story-

The first was that the mo-ment I finished the book, I accovired a dalmatian puppy whom we named Beezle (Dodie's married name was Beesley) who happens to be the best-looking, best-natured dog in the world.



an Oscar? Nicolas Cages performance in Leaving Las Vegas is reviewed by Geoff Brown

The other postscript is cinematographic. When the original Disney dalmatians cartoon came out in 1961. Dodie wrote to Walt, peevishly complaining about the smallness of her credit at the end. "If you write me another of your cute little stories," Disney wrote back, "I will see that your credit is plenty large." Dodie at once sent him ICapture the Castle - it had been optioned many times since its publication in 1949 -

which Disney snapped up for

\$50,000 as a vehicle for

Hayley Mills. But although

screenplays were written,

the film was never made. At last, while I was writing the book, Dodie's estate managed to exchange the rights to / Capture the Castle for Disney's right to remake 101

hen I heard this, last February, I wrote to the film director Mike Newell, who was in Hollywood because of Four Weddings and a Funeral's Oscar nominations. I picked Newell because he had used my drawing-room to shoot a scene of a previous succés fou of his, Enchanted April. I thought he dealt beautifully with Elizabeth von Arnim's exquisite novel about four women who leave dreary London for an Italian palazzo, and I thought he might work a similar translation to the screen for Dodie's oddly beguiling little

Last week I heard the thrilling news that Mark Shivas has secured I Capture the Castle as a feature film for BBC Films, and Mike Newell is indeed going to direct it. I wonder who will play the 17year-old Cassandra? A terrific role for some budding mega-

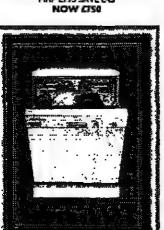
star. (In 1954, when it had a brief run as a play at the Aldwych Theatre, Cassandra was played by Virginia Mc-Kenna, who won plaudits even from hard-hearted critics like

Ken Tynan.) We shall see. It is certainly going to be a very good year for Dodie Smith — her centenary year. And she would have loved seeing I Capture the Castle on screen at last.

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Max Beloff calls for a coalition

against European federalism

Te find ourselves, at the beginning of 1996, in a very muddled political situation, in which serious argument has little place and much time and energy are devoted to shadowboxing, both between parties and within them. One reason is that the commentators on whom we rely to explain what is going on are inhibited by a political vocabulary which vocabulary which does not fit the current picture. Why, after all, should we, more than 200 years after they were first coined in relation to France's revolutionary assembly, go on using "Left" and "Right", as though all the issues that divide us could conveniently be encompassed by these terms? They barely help with understanding the Labour Party; they make no sense at all when applied to

the Conservatives. The reason is not just the passage of time, but the fact that the all-important question of the day to which answers are required concerns Britain's relations with the rest of Europe. How that question is answered determines everything else. The fact that "Europe" usually appears quite low down when the

voters are polled on what they think of as most important merely indicates that our leaders have not so far managed to explain why this question is so crucial some evidence that, both here and on the Continent, un-derstanding of the matter is beginning to make

The reason the importance of the issue is still underestimated is that a question cutting across lines of class and party is very rare and usually confined to wartime. The fashionable comparison of divisions in the Conservative Party to the Corn Law crisis of the 1840s is absurd. circumstances and personalities unique to that juncture in the nation's affairs. The decision to embark upon a policy of free trade had repercussions upon other political decisions still to come, but it did not

determine them. The question raised in relation to Britain's European role is of another order of magnitude. It is the kind of question that nations usually confront only when at war. The inhabitants of a country overrun by a conqueror have to choose between accepting his authority (collaboration) and denying it tresistance in the hope of liberation). The arguments can be ambiguous in their translation into action, as the recent reminders of the late François Mitterrand's role in the Vichy period have made

What is clear also is that all other questions of policy fall into abevance for the conquered nation, since its policies will be determined by the will of the conqueror. From Napoleon's Europe to Hitler's Europe, the lesson is the same. If that is not understood in because Britain's fighting men saved this country from both experiences. We seem to breed

archives before making it quite

clear to the Duchess of York that

Buckingham Palace would not step

in to clear her debts. Another royal

debtor was given similarly short

Princess Mary Adelaide, the

Duchess of Teck and mother of

Queen Mary, was a woman with a

girth as large as her overdraft with

Courts & Co. She also owed vast

Eventually, in 1878, she took her

begging bowl to her cousin, Queen

Victoria, who was far from

amused. "If once it is done, it will

be asked for again and again,"

declared Victoria, who ordered

Princess Mary to give up either her

home in Kensington or White

Lodge in Richmond Park, "It was

far too much for her to undertake

to keep up two houses," comment-

ed the Queen acidly.

The sad lesson for the Duchess

of York is that financial cutbacks.

even huge ones, didn't get the

Princess out of a scrape. With her

husband and her daughter, she

was forced to go abroad and live in

cillas borrowed from friends.

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have a Government which has arrived painfully at a full understanding of what is really at stake. If we were to accept the views of Jacques Santer, the European Commission President, on what the forthcoming inter-governmental conference (IGC) should do - and in majority voting — and if Britain were to accept entry into a single currency, we would have surrendered our remaining powers of democratic decision-making in two vital aspects. Both our legislative capacity and our control over foreign and defence policy would have been given up to bodies in which we would have only a minority voice.

Entry into the proposed single currency would mean that no future British government would be able to have either a monetary or a fiscal policy of its own. Since Conservarive governments would not have the freedom to follow their own preferences and Labour governments would be equally constrained, it would hardly matter whether the dominant mood was for the

Right" or for the "Left". No doubt there are individuals in all three of our parties

We are in

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who would not object to this outcome: but they can only preserve their polit-ical role by indulging in obfuscation pretending that one could have and maintain a single currency while al-lowing individual

governments to decide upon interest rates or the levels of taxation. But experience makes it unlikely that they can continue to maintain their credibility.

hat happens, how-ever, if at the IGC and the future European summits Britain proves to be isolated? It will then become a question of whether the effort to remain within the European Union, if it survives. is still worth making. It may be that, before the end of the century, a British government will be obliged to embark upon the difficult task of disentangling itself from the Treaties of Rome and Maastricht in order to work out a new - and one hopes happier relationship with its

It is likely (opinion polls notwithstanding) that the problem will be confronted initially by a Conservative government. But the issue is so serious that it might prove more desirable for the final steps to be taken by a National government, in which elements in the Labour Party who would still wish to see Britain self-governing could be brought into a Cabinet which would have this as its

sole or major task. To prepare for such an eventuality and to follow what is actually happening in Europe and beyond, rather than repeating the empty rhetoric of a generation ago, seems to be the proper task for the coming years of all those to whom British identity is more than an empty shell.

Lord Beloff's book Britain and European Union: A Dialogue of the Deaf will be published

consequently lived a life of frugal-

ity, commenting towards the end of

her life: "My parents were always

in short street." Her thrift set the

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Princess Mary Adelaide civil

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The tiger and the dragon

ong Kong is one of the great cities of the world at a neak moment in its his tory. Rome at the time of the Emperor Augustus. Venice in the age of Titian, London in the year of Waterloo, New York in the Roaring heady feeling of unlimited energy, of being the city of the future. The energy seems never to cease, by day or night. I awoke early on my first morning here; the clock on the Star Ferry terminal was showing 6.15am. well before dawn; the Hong Kong traffic was almost as busy as at midday. Modern Hong Kong makes any European city seem feeble by comparison. It is the strongest pos-

sible symbol of the rise of Asia. Yet Hong Kong faces an imminent event which no world city, when rising to the height of its power, has ever had to experience before. On July 1, 1997, just 18 months away, the sovereign power will pass from Britain to China. This transfer will occur without the people of Hong Kong being consulted, without the option of independence, and it will take Hong Kong from a democratic to a nondemocratic authority. The transfer will be followed by the distilusion of the partly democratic Legislative Council, the appointment of a new chief executive and the threatened

change to the Bill of Rights. The majority of the people of Hong Kong have not been given the right to a British passport. We are leaving them with no protection to fail back on. It is an extraordinary and in some ways a shameful transaction. Neither the people of Hong Kong nor of Britain believe that it could have been avoided - the nationalist determination of China to regain Hong Kong could not have been resisted. But it is still shameful for Britain. because the colonial government was itself afraid of democracy, or even of equality of opportunity, for far too long. Only in the late 1970s. a bare 20 years ago, did Chinese people gain equal opportunities in the higher civil service. The China experts who advised successive British governments appeased the Chinese fear of democracy almost right up to the end. Only the last Governor, Chris Patten. has been a genuine democrat in his

Hong Kong opinion itself is divided. There is a very wealthy eline, which has benefited from high real estate prices and low taxes, who are at little risk themselves. They have their overseas passports: they have large offshore funds. Some, though

tions - as the Prince of Wales can

readily attest. He was once ordered

by his mother, who keeps her but-ter-wraps in the fridge, to scour

Sandringham's grounds for many

hours for a lost Corgi lead. "Corgi

leads cost money," insisted Her

THE WORLD'S oldest entertainer

is too ill to attend his 100th birth-

day celebrations this week. A bout

of 'the has kept him confined to his

home in Los Angeles since his last

outing as a guest at Frank Sina-

George Burns, the cigar-wield-

ing comedian known to friends

give a man who's been so blessed?

Another 100 years? A night with

• Should that stalker ever catch

Sharran Strane⁷

tra's Christmas party.

Burns night

Chris Patten's popularity proves that Hong Kong will survive 1997

not all of them have joined the chorus of Chinese criticism of Chris Patten, protesting against the modest advances towards democracy he has tried to make. There has been much talk of the potential loss of business. some of it exaggerated. In fact these Hong Kong business people are increasingly optimistic about the deals they will be able to do with China — the Hong Kong Stock Exchange has been rising sharply. Chris Patten has followed policies

which Britain ought to have pursued at least a generation ago. He came too late to his office for his policies to have become irre-

versible. But he did win and has kept ularly of those who do not have the security of foreign nassnorts, overseas

bank accounts or second homes in Vancouver. His approval ratings in the opinion polls have never fallen below 50 per cent, and now stand at the extraordinary level of 74 per cent, despite the well-understood fact that his power is waning as the Chinese takeover comes nearer. He is probably now the most popular head of government in any significant country on Earth, three or four times as popular as Alain Juppé or John Major, and five times as popular as Boris Yeltsin. That is because the ordinary people of Hong Kong know that he believes in the democracy which Britain failed in the past to give them, and which China certainly intends to deny them. They see Chris Patten as being on their side, despite the fact that he is the representative of the colonial power which will not give even though he is not Chinese and

does not even speak their language. The future of Hong Kong will be decided by the future of China. For the past 15 years China has enjoyed unprecedented economic growth as a result of liberalisation, though that has not been accompanied by progress towards political democracy. In wealthier provinces, the economy has been expanding at around 15 per cent a year, which means doubling every five years. The open economy has spread through most of China - Coca-Cola reckons it can reach 85 per cent of the Chinese market -- but the growth has been very unequal. Probably about 60 per cent of the Chinese population live in what can now be called a Second World economy, and 40 per cent in Third World conditions. Hong Kong of course belongs to the most advanced world, more

advanced than Britain is now. This economic growth is likely to continue for another 15 years or so, if China's modernisation has the same 30-year time scale as Japan's. So long as growth continues, the Communist regime is likely in some form to

> survive — an overall growth rate of is notoriously nervous, reacting to foreign events in an insecure and ag-

gressive manner. Why should it be so nervous, apart from the fact that it has no democratic base and lacks the political authority of popular election? Certainly the leaders' behaviour is counter-productive, and has damaged China's international relations with most countries in Asia and

To borrow an analytical tool from Marxism, China's growth causes contradictions, particularly the classic Marxist contradiction of generating a rising class whose interests are hostile to those of the existing power structure. In 15 years' time, China will have an advanced bourgeois class of business people, professionals, educators, scientists and so on, of at least 300 million people. They will have completely open access to world information. Their average standard of living will be high - many of them will earn between \$50,000 and \$100,000 per household, in current real terms. Such a transformation of Chinese society will be the inevitable consequence of Chinese economic development, but it is also a condition for this economic growth. Without such a class, no nation can belong to the modern world. Into this new class. Hong Kong will fit perfectly. much better than it fits into the

transitional China of the mid 1990s. This is not the only contradiction. China's economic growth has been

accompanied by increasing corrupthe political class, and has resulted in and poorer provinces, and between the cities and the peasants. In China, more than anywhere else on Earth, the economy of the 21st century is running side by side with the economy of the Middle Ages. There is also a dangerous division between the Communist power structure and the People's Liberation Army. Fur-thermore, there is pressure from the ethnic and religious minorities, of which Islam is the largest and most militant but Tibet has the strongest international appeal. This week a Deputy Party Secretary announced in Tibet that: "We must further strengthen control over temples and monasteries, continue the patriotic education of monks and nuns and take control of other religious sites." That sinister pronouncement was reported in The South China Morning Post, which is sympathetic to China, and it hardly gave reassur-

There is still room for an

ance in Hong Kong.

optimistic view. Hong Kong is very robust, as all the great trading cities of history have been. London has been burnt down three times in 2,000 years, by Boudicca, by the Great Fire of 1666 and by Hitler's Luftwaffe, and it has recovered each time. In the past 60 years, Hong Kong has been brutally occupied by the Japanese and has survived decades with Chairinan Mao as a threatening neighbour. Hong Kong will survive whatever happens in China, and will recover even if the worst occurs. China's Government may be excessively neryous and defensive, but policy does not all move in one direction. This week has seen further repression of religion generally. That is negative. It has seen "the full threat of army action" against Taiwan. That too is negative. But the Foreign Ministry has also given a press conference to announce that the National People's Congress is going to limit detention without trial. The police will in future only be able to hold suspects for a month, and for certain reasons.

Hong Kong is the city of success about to come under the control of a nation in a turmoil of change. That will be an alarming experience, but it will offer opportunities as well as dangers. In the scale of China's future, the wealth, the people, the ideas and the energy of Hong Kong can all be put on the positive side.

A French historian at Oxford

Norman Stone

salutes the spirit

of Richard Cobb

t a grand reception for the visiting French President, the royal equerry inquired after Professor Cobb, saying the Queen would like to meet him. Ah, perhaps not," he said, when he saw the professor in an alcove, much the worse for wear. That sort of thing happened quite often to Richard Cobb, who died this week aged 78. Indeed, it has happened to a long line of distinguished scholars, not least the great . 18th-century . Cambridge classicist Richard Porson - to be seen, if Trinity legend has it right, insensible in the arms of two bargees. Nowadays, heroic drinking of this class is quite out of order, but it was a part of what made Richard Cobb tick. He knew the French Revolution inside out, was an outstanding teacher, and wrote some of the finest English historical prose of this century.

I remember my first reading of Cobb. It was a volume of essays called A Second Identity, which had an extraordinary breadth, fantastical erudition, and a style as memorable as Orwell's or AJP. Taylor's. "Despite much fialling and whirring, this crenellated narrative never quite gets off the ground," he said of one otherwise well-received book.

Cobb had been sent to a French family in the Thirties. He leved the family in the Thirties. He leved the

ease of social life there, free from the cramped worlds of Timbridge Wells and Shrewsbury, being taught how to behave badly while learning to speak and write French superbly. His youthful experience of France

contrasted with a more painful one in Dollifuse's Austria. His mother had sent him to learn German in the house of Felix Satten, the author of Bambi, but, with Quaker sympa-thies, had given him subversive literature to distribute around the working-class districts. He was picked up by policemen with featherbrushes in their hats, and kicked all along the Ottakringer Haupistrasse, as women with huge, baleful faces stared out of the tenement windows, their elbows ensconced in an elbow-accommodating device known as ac-condoirs. Thus he acquired a hatred

of bossy governments.
When, after the war, he went back to France, he lived for years - legend has it — more or less as a clochard. looked after, for a time, by the French Communist Party. It did not know what it was doing, for it never had a worse English enemy than Cobb: how he mocked its dinners, where he would socon his way down to the end of the soup and gradually see the face of Picasso's Stalin ("the coryphaeus of the arts and sciences") emerge at the

bottom of the plate. "Napoleon, that shit," he would say. You might have expected him to revere Napoleon, who, after all, reintroduced order after the Terror. For Cobb, Napoleon was just a big bully. the sort of power-crazed monster whom revolutions create. You were much better off in the world of the festering ancien régime, said Cobb: you could rely on it for a laugh, and it would in the end be human. For another of Cobb's dislikes was the technocrat, offering concrete buildings and dead prose and fussy bureaucratic inquiries. He truly hated what had been done to the Paris of his youth by ghastly products of schools of administration.

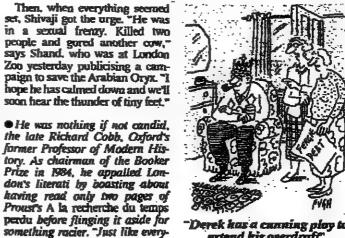
obb was very French in his hatred of small nationalities. To this subject he devoted some of his best invective. He wrote an essay about the Belgian-Flemish fascist. Joris van Severen: the rudest and most literate thing ever written about Flemish nationalism, which Cobb detested. It drew endless protests in the TLS afterwards. But he knew what had happened in Belgium during the war, and could not see why van Severen, a fransquillon with perfect French, could ever bother with tinpot nationalism.

He spent some years at Aberyst-wyth, and hated Welsh nationalism with equal venom. His dislike of Irish nationalism underlay perhaps his most notorious book, A Classical Education, in which he described the murder by an Irish school friend of his mother. Since Cobb. then an about this, he found himself wanted for extradition, and fled abroad - the best excuse of all time for postponing

a tutorial. What made Richard Cobb possible? That he was part of an elite mattered: friends would cover up for the eccentricities, and loved him for them. He was also very well educated, with an astoundingly broad. knowledge of English and French literature. His finances were quite chaotic, but when he got his Oxford chair, he could still just about afford a house within walking distance of his college. He needed to walk: the bank threatened to foreclose until he was

awarded an CBE. 📒 Nowadays, he would not find it easy to collect half a dozen under-. graduates for a special subject involving French as a foreign language. and would be having to fill out forms designed by technocrats to be read by computers, listing his "research output". So the little Napoleons won But I have a feeling that the memory of Richard Cobb will theer his country's posterity up when They lie a-mouldering in their concrete.

The author is Professor of Modern The autnor is History at Oxford.



Derek has a canning play to extend his overdraft

the Amber Valley MP. "The

French initially refused to play us,

but we humiliated them into agree-

ing by leaving a box of tennis balls

outside the French Embassy," - a

reference to Shakespeare's Henry

V, in which the Dauphin gives the

English king a gift of the same as

an insult. "It's not the playing that

counts - but the winning."

New balls

one cise who says they have read

Parliamentary team. "This is a grudge match," spits

and admirers as God, was due to attend a gala dinner in his honour Nellie's way on Tuesday in Beverly Hills. Instead he sent his regrets. "As this big day came closer and closer people kept asking me what I would like for my 100th birthnay." the vaudeville veteran said in a statement read to 300 guests at the Four Seasons Hotel. What do you

with one blow.

CAMILLA Parker Bowles's brother, Mark Shand, has marital difficulties. He has been trying to fix up Tara, the female elephant he owns in India, with a husband - and the road to the altar is proving bloody. First off, the groom Shivaji works in a national park and so is officially recognised as a government employee - a mass of Indian

bureaucracy had to be negotiated

before he could meet his bride.

course of boxing lessons with a

martial arts instructor and low-

budget movie-star, Paul Morm-

ando, who is a tenth degree black

belt. Already, she can fell a man

it," he explained.

THE RED-BLOODED trade minister who reportedly enjoyed a healthy canoodle with a topless model last year is keen on his manly pursuits. As captain of the Commons and Lords rugby team, Philip Oppenheim is taking his players to Paris tomorrow for the annual match against the French

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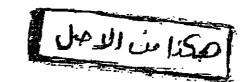
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SEA OF TROUBLES

Yeltsin is drowning - and the West must look beyond him

The hammer-blows inflicted by last month's Russian parliamentary elections are beginning to take their toll. Andrei Kozyrev, the longest-serving liberal in President Yeltsin's Cabinet, resigned on taking up his Duma seat, and has been replaced as Foreign Minister by Yevgeni Primakov, an old-style aparatchik, who promptly indicated a return to more confrontational policies. On Tuesday Anatoli Chubais, virtually the sole economic reformer left in Russia's Government, quit, unceremoniously forced out by Mr Yeltsin's denunciation of his record in masterminding mass privatisation. More resignations are expected of key figures. The purge of the reformers is virtually complete; Mr Yeltsin is looking more and more like a traditional, conservative Soviet leader.

The reshuffle was not an automatic result of the elections, which brought back in force the reconstituted Communists and gave Vladimir Zhirinovsky's virulent nationalists the second largest block of seats. Mr Yeltsin still has huge residual powers to govern by decree and to determine the make-up of his Cabinet. But he has sensed the shift in mood, the disillusion with reform and the increasingly vocal anger directed at all those associated with pro-Western or pro-market policies. With his popularity at an all-time low and amid a corroding cynicism about the "sick old man" in the Kremlin, he has jettisoned his former allies, his principles and his promises in an attempt to save his own vainglorious bid for re-election.

Economists maintain that the dismissal of Mr Chubais is less of a disaster than it might seem. He has been an unusually successful

minister - so much so that most of Russia's retail trade is now in private hands, and even the transfer from state control of arthritic heavy industries is now limping forward. No one has yet shown any will to reinstitute the command economy; even the Communists are not calling for a return to classic communism. However, almost all Russians are exasperated by the way state concerns are being replaced with private monopolies controlled by criminals, matia interests and the former nomenclature: a change of responsibility for reform may be the best way of preserving the main body of the reforms themselves.

What matters now is the smack of firm government, however irrelevant to the real demands of growth and reform. For the hammer-blows are coming not only from the clamorous Duma, but from the crash of rockets and the mounting death toll in Chechenia. The hijacking of the Turkish ferry and the inevitable broadening of this bitter feud into an international incident increases the pressure on the Russian leader to show himself unbending and implacable. For this reason also, the new Foreign Minister is talking a language that the West has not heard for years - crude nationalism that is seeking to rebuild old alliances with enemies of the West: Saddam Hussein in Iraq and the mullahs in Iran. Mr Yeltsin, in a desperate attempt to keep ahead of the disasters rolling over his Government, is seeking shelter in old attitudes and old policies. The West must soon ask whether it should still offer such visible support for a man floundering in such contradictions.

PUBLIC COMPANIES

The City should be cautious when deciding Granada or Forte

In the days since our last comment on the Granada/Forte corporate soap opera, its progress has strengthened its hold on viewers. Gerry Robinson, the chief of the Coronation Street maker Granada, has raised his bid for the Forte hotel empire from £3.3 billion to £3.8 billion. Sir Rocco Forte has split the role of chairman and chief executive. New characters have appeared, the latest being John Hoerner, best known for picking up and dusting down what Sir Ralph Halpern left behind at Burton Group. The saviour of Burton is backing Sir Rocco and has agreed to join the board as a nonexecutive director.

in the City, where the serious action takes place, Granada's stockbrokers have spent almost £400 million acquiring, with some difficulty, 9.9 per cent of Forte's equity. The founding Forte family still control some 8 per cent of the shares. New and influential brokers' circulars yesterday favoured the old management being given another chance. Everything is to play for come next Tuesday's Ipm deadline.

One source of City nervousness is the role of Mercury Asset Management, the pension fund specialist that is the main shareholder in both Granada and Forte. Mr Robinson would hardly have begun his hostile tilt without sounding out his company's principal owners. What fascinates the City cognoscenti is to what extent MAM may have encouraged Granada in its controversial bid for Forte and what MAM's own clients may think about their pension funds being used in this way: if Forte could be a target, what about them, they may think.

Mr Robinson's method of getting to his favoured parts of Forte represents an assetstripping exercise that would not have disgraced the greatest days of that art. The conglomerate that Mr Robinson is determined to build will start life with some \$4 billion of borrowings. In order to shrink this debt burden to more acceptable levels, Granada will then embark on some £2 billion of asset sales at prices unlikely to be enhanced by the visibility of the plan. The price is no longer cheap; the decision for all shareholders will be close. The City will make big profits from the fees of all these transactions. But what still worries viewers outside the City is that such highlyleveraged bidders, a breed which they thought went out after the excesses of the Eighties, are still at large and active.

The voices of this criticism are more popular than political, more likely to be found among customers and small shareholders than in Government or Opposition. The Labour party was unlikely to rush to the defence of an empire that was so staunch a supporter of Margaret Thatcher: the Tories could hardly campaign for so generous a friend. The saga has not, however, gone unnoticed on the Opposition benches - and the City, with an eye on the next election, should take note. Labour has long toyed with strengthening the roles of the Office of Fair Trading, the Department of Trade and Industry and the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. It sees debt mountains as only rarely auguring well for consumers or employees.

Sir Rocco Forte and Mr Robinson are now delivering their final presentations to City institutions, pension funds and insurance companies. These bodies traditionally cast their votes at the last minute. It is also a tradition that the institutions' vote is kept secret. unless the financial house chooses to stand up and be counted. Perhaps this latest battle will mark the beginning of the end for such anonymity. Will pension-holders at last decide to ask what their fund is doing with their money? The public has no reason to encourage highly leveraged asset-stripping exercises and a host of reasons to oppose them. Fund managers should bear in mind on Tuesday that they are entrusted with the public's savings, the public confidence in the City and a good deal else of public interest

SEIZE THE TIME

MPs must keep the Butterfill Bill alive

Governments whose parliamentary majority has dwindled to almost nothing over a long period in power lose their nerve easily. The present Cabinet's feebleness in the face of trouble or pressure has rarely been as plain as in the miserable saga of the Private Member's Bill on daylight saving which returns to the House of Commons on Friday. No sooner had the Scottish Secretary, Mr Michael Forsyth, threatened ministers with predictions of electoral damage north of the border, than Mr Major's cringeing colleagues caved in and refused to back the measure.

Mr John Butterfill's Bill to create an extra hour of afternoon daylight and to bring Britain in line with continental European time will die without government help. The only question remaining is how soon Mr Forsyth succeeds in killing it. The Bill will only have a chance of a second reading and a few more months of life if at least hundred MPs take part in a vote to keep it alive tomorrow.

The Bill, even if doomed by the Cabinet's weakness, deserves longer in the public eye: MPs should take the trouble to turn up. Changing the clocks has already been a long haul and will take more time yet. A few months more of debate will keep the issue alive. Altering the nation's clocks does not belong with what President Bush called the "vision thing". Mr Butterfill's Bill is a commonsense thing. Research suggests that between 100 and 200 deaths on the roads might be saved across the whole of Britain each year by delaying the start of darkness. Crime rates should fall. Old peoples' lives

trans-European businesses would all gain. The Government has made no attempt to dispute the mountain of evidence which has now been gathered - much of it by Whitehall agencies - in favour of daylight saving. Mr Forsyth musters no statistics but merely blusters that changing the clocks would be deeply damaging in Scotland". His colleagues have meekly accepted that the rhythmn of their day and night should be governed by the truculent Scots. Members of the Government have been instructed to abstain on Friday and the whips have put

should be lightened. Sport, tourism and

out the word that support for Mr Butterfill would be ill-regarded. Scottish ministers will be allowed to vote against the Bill. The strength of feeling in Scotland is not in dispute; the question is whether emotion

north of the border should settle the question. The greatest good of the greatest number is being sacrificed to save the seats of Mr Forsyth and a handful of his colleagues. The Scottish Secretary should bear in mind the words of Edmund Burke: "Parliament is a deliberative assembly of one nation, with one interest, that of the whole; where not local purposes, not local prejudices ought to guide, but the general good, resulting from the general reason of the whole." The best rebuke that MPs of all parties can deliver to the Government's limp cowardice is a large enough presence in the House on Friday morning to prolong the debate. This Bill may not succeed, but one day the change will be made. Time is on the side of sense.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Prison cuts as threat to education, humanity and safety

From Lady Andrew, Chairman. Prisoners' Education Trust

Sir, I regret that in speaking out against the swingeing cuts in prison expenditure which are planned for the next financial year (report, January 15) most commentators have emphasised the impact on security and risk to the public. This serves to inflate public fears and reflects the language now common in discussions of crime and penal policy.

Security is an important consideration. It is, however, obscuring other vital matters which the Prison Service should bear in mind, such as rehabilitation and the reduction of recidivism. In this context, the education of offenders should surely have some pri-

The National Prison Survey, 1991, showed that 43 per cent of offenders have no qualifications and that over 80 per cent left school by 16. A survey of over 600 prisoners in 1995 found that 58 per cent had no chance to improve their educational qualifications while in prison. It has been calculated that almost half of prisoners have low levels of literacy and even more have difficulties with numeracy.

Education gives them something constructive to do during their sentences, a training in the discipline of study and a boost to their self-confidence. It can lead to gaining qualifications, without which it is almost impossible to find work on release. The Prison Service Rule 29 begins: "Every prisoner able to profit from the educational facilities provided at a prison shall be encouraged to do so."

We in the Prisoners' Education Trust see that there is a steady demand for education which is 100 often thwarted. I am at a loss to understand the logic of forcing governors to make cuts in education

Risk to game shooting

departments. In one London prison, teaching hours will be reduced from over 9,000 to about 3,500 in a year.

Education can provide a cost-effective means of attacking the cycle of reoffending. The present proposals are likely to lead to anger and frustration among prisoners and education staff, tensions and difficulties for other prison staff and the possibility of money wasted on the control of unrest and riot. Is this what we want?

Yours faithfully, ELIZABETH ANDREW, Prisoners' Education Trust. Fleet House, 173 Haydons Road, SW19. January 15.

From the General Secretary of the Association of Chief Officers of Probation

Sir, I am increasingly convinced that the mission statement for the Prison Service that reads, "Our duty is to look after [prisoners] with humanity and help them lead law-abiding and useful lives in custody after release" could now, reasonably, be dropped.

is the Home Office interested in helping prisoners when it erodes education and marginalises employment and training opportunities in favour of security, or slashes purposeful home visits, or increases the likelihood of homelessness by removing housingbenefit entitlement?

The answers are clearly "no". Rehabilitation has slipped from the

Pictures of chained-up pregnant women, or the fact that women may have to provide, before others, urine samples for random drug-testing. graphically show that humanity is fast isappearing from prisons.

The probation service has always

worked within prisons and with released prisoners in the belief that by assisting in the transition from captivity to freedom we were contributing to a process endorsed by those at the top. If our work is further undermined by the imminent cuts we will have confirmation that this is no longer the

Yours faithfully, MARY HONEYBALL General Secretary. Association of Chief Officers of Probation. 212 Whitechapel Road, El.

From Mr John Harding

Sir. The cuts which have just been announced will make prison conditions even less conducive to good order and effective rehabilitation.

In the six London prisons alone they could lead to the withdrawal of about 25 probation officers from a complement of 59. These staff are involved in assessing the risk posed by individual prisoners and preparing them for reease on supervision. Failure to invest adequately in this work will threaten public safety and worsen their chances ol resettlement.

In our discussions with them, prison governors have been well aware of these consequences but are faced with unenviable choices between unacceptable alternatives. The notion that "prison works" is dubious. It is likely to be devalued even further by stripping away those opportunities that exist to increase prisoners' skills and change their behaviour.

Yours sincerely JOHN HARDING (Chief Probation Officer), Inner London Probation Service. 71/73 Great Peter Street, SWI.

Studying chronic fatigue syndrome

From Mr Leolin Price, QC

Sir. When the Brussels Commission made the regulation banning the use of the drug Emtryl for game birds (report, January 13) had it ascertained that this would put at risk game shooting business in this country worth £294 million annually and 13,000 jobs? If not, why should the Commissioner and officers responsible for this irresponsible attack upon this country continue in their present employment?

When our Ministry of Agriculture became aware of the proposal, what Ministry's officers assess the damaging effect on our economy and employment? If nothing was done, and particularly if no such assessment was made, why should those officers continue in our employment?

You report that our Government "failed to block" the proposal last summer. Was that failure at bureaucratic or at ministerial level? Nothing should have stopped our Government from exercising power to protect our

Yours truly, LEOLIN PRICE, 10 Old Square, Lincoln's Inn. WC2. January 13.

From Ms Leonora Digby Smith

Sir. Now that the Government is to defy Brussels over the new EU regulation to ban the drug Emtryl used by game bird breeders, what is their new excuse for not banning the export of live animals for slaughter?

Yours faithfully. LEONORA DÍGBY SMÍTH. 4a Sharpleshall Street. Primrose Hill, NWI. January 16.

Own goal?

From Mr H. W. Lander

Sir. William Rees-Mogg may be forgiven for not knowing that Terry Venables is renowned in footballing circles as the first player to represent England at all age levels (This is a whole new ball game for me". January 15), but he certainly should have been aware that the usurper who overthrew Richard II was Henry IV (Bolingbroke), not Henry V.

Yours faithfully, H. W. LANDER. 24 Pochin Drive. Market Harborough, Leicestershire.

Sports letters, page 45

Share sales From Mr Christopher Rouse

Sir. I have today sold 500 Forte shares in the market at 366p per share, 4p per share higher than the "final" cash offer from Granada.

Surely it is wrong that the tax treatment of institutions and pension funds enables them to pay me this 4p per share premium in what is supposedly a free and orderly market. Yours sincerely

CHRISTOPHER ROUSE. Flat One, 9 Coleherne Road, SW10.

Business letters, page 29

Letters for publication may be faxed to 0171-782 5046.

From Mr Hugh Faulkner

Sir, Dr Simon Wessely ("ME: is this the answer?". January 9) highlights the need for urgent scientific research of a high calibre if we are to overcome ME, or chronic fatigue syndrome.

To stimulate research the Persistent Virus Disease Research Foundation was launched in 1993 by a group of distinguished scientists and doctors pre-eminent in the field. The public response has been such that already the foundation is funding four major research projects and is making a financial contribution to a fifth.

The scientists are covering a wide field of research, examining the role of viruses and the effect of persisting virus infection on muscle and evaluating the effect of virus infection on themicals in the brain.

We realise that this is only a start in unravelling the mysteries of this highly complex disease. With the dedication of doctors and scientists and continuing public support we are confident that this disease can and will be conquered.

Yours faithfully, HUGH FAULKNER (Honorary Director), Persistent Virus Disease Research Foundation. 4 One Tree Lane, Beaconsfield. Buckinghamshire. January 13.

From Dr Charles Shepherd Sir, Far from sufferers with ME being

usually ordered "to do nothing but rest", as your heading states, the ME Association's Guidelines for the Care of Patients booklet, which has been distributed to well over 10,000 doctors in the UK, makes it clear that the best way forward is to pursue a programme of gradually increasing both physical and mental activity, as advocated by Dr Simon Wessely.
Although 22 patients out of 30 in the

Oxford cognitive behaviour therapy of approximately 10 per cent in their disability rating after a year, the only other two controlled trials of CBT to be published found no benefit from this fashionable form of short-term psychotherapy.

The ME Association believes that all possible approaches to treatment are worth exploring, but the results so far obtained — from both physical and psychologically-based therapies - do need to be viewed with a considerable degree of caution.

Yours sincerely. CHARLES SHEPHERD (Honorary medical adviser). Myalgic Éncephalomyelitis (ME) Stanhope House, High Street, Stanford le Hope, Essex, January 9.

Daylight Bill

From Mr Nick Raynsford, MP for Greenwich (Labour)

Sir. Sir Michael Angus and his cosignatories (letter, January 17) offer a series of estimates of the supposed benefits of changing our clocks from Greenwich Mean Time to Central European Time. These are of course all speculative.

When the same exercise was tried experimentally in the late 1900s and early 1970s the practical experience was very different. The then Home Secretary, Reginald Maudling, commenting on the road traffic accident figures, pointed out that there had been a small increase in road casualties, not a reduction.

He added: "The ligures are not clear enough to base a decision on. I think that we should assume one way or the other that there is not a large margin either way."

There is one simple and fundamental reason why we should retain Greenwich Mean Time. Geographithe European continent and its natural time zone is one hour behind that of the Central European axis lying between Berlin and Rome. No amount of special pleading by

cally Britain lies at the western edge of

the proponents of change can overcome this simple truth. Yours sincerely.

NICK RAYNSFORD. House of Commons. January 17.

From Mr Peter Petts

Sir. With due respect to Sir Michael Angus et al. who are probably chauffeur-driven to their offices for 10am, my pickers and packers (some of them on bicycles) come to work at barn. At present it is not daylight until 8ant. If the proposed changes are effected, next year it will not be light until nine.

Yours faithfully. PETER PETTS (Chief Executive), The Herbary, Prickwillow, Ely, Cambridgeshire.

Paris by rail From Dr Anthony Field

Sir, While I am impressed to hear of

Eurostar's ability to stop at Ashford without adding to journey times (News in brief and leading article. lanuary 9; see also letters, January 12, 17), is it not time to admit publicly that journey from England to France is by no means complemented by a re-turn journey under the same con-

Travelling first-class from Waterloo station with all the facilities it offers is the height of luxury. However, at the Gare du Nord recently, we were denied access to the "first-class lounge facilities", being told they were available "only to regular French business passengers".

When I pointed out that we were able to use similar facilities at Waterloo I was told: "Well, London is London and Paris is Paris." A disabled colleague was denied use of the toilet

and told that he would have to use "the normal toilet facilities at the far end of the station".

Clearly Eurostar to Paris is quite a different experience from Eurostan Yours sincerely:

ANTHONY FIELD. 152 Cromwell Tower, Barbican, EC2.

From Mrs Elodie Stanley

Sir. Less than 20 minutes out of the Gare du Nord en route to Waterloo on Sunday, I decided to visit the huffet car, with the inevitable idee fixe of a train well provisioned in Paris. There I found a modest queue but, when I reached its head, no food (unless you count the last tuna sandwich and the only remaining cheeseburger).

Eurostar or Eurostarve? Yours faithfully, **ELODIE STANLEY.** 12 Stanley Crescent, WII.

Bishops' moves on the cards

From the Reverend Father Francis A. C S. Bown

Sir. The problem with bishops' palaces (report, January II) is not the palaces but the bishops.

So many of the present bench are either angst-ridden liberals or pofaced evangelicals that it is not sur-prising that they fail to use their

palaces properly.

The episcopal palace should be the social centre of the diocese, where the bishop entertains his clergy and offers them sustenance and support. Too often, however, the grand surroundings witness the comings and goings only of clerical bureaucrats and the grandees of local business and politics. Ordinary clergy (unless in trouble) are kept well away.

It is, of course, entirely consistent with the Church of England's record of financial acumen that it should be thinking of selling off its palatial assets at the bottom of the property market. (It did the same thing in the 1960s with its best rectories and vicarages.)

The established Church does not need new, small-scale bishops' houses: it needs some bishops of real stature and vision to fill the historic palaces it has inherited.

Yours, in Domino. FRANCIS BOWN St Stephen's Presbytery. 29 Westhourne Avenue, Kingston-upon-Hull, Yorkshire. January II.

From Mr Ancrum F. Evans

Sir, The Bishop of Worcester uses his residence, Hartlebury Castle, for diocesan purposes: for example, interviews for clergy (and their wives) who have applied to be presented to a living. At one such meeting, held in 1989, the 19 people attending, including the archdeacon, six wardens and myself, were involved in five separate confidential discussions. Such meet-

ings are by no means uncommon. Another use may be a meeting with an overseas Christian leader. On all such occasions, an important and indeed, for Christians, a very useful facility is the chapel, steeped in history: I believe that the bishop and his visitors use it on a daily basis. I have certainly prayed there several

The Church Commissioners must not be allowed to sell Hartlebury Castle without first consulting the parishes of the diocese directly, and secondly without making serious endeavour to recover a large part of the gigantic deficit for which they are

responsible. Domestically, the house is relatively inconvenient. I have no doubt that the bishop and his wife live there out of duty rather than choice.

Yours sincerely.
ANCRUM F. EVANS (Lay pairon of the United Benefice of Clifton-on-Teme, Lower Sapey and the Shelsleys). Harpley House. Clifton-on-Teme, Worcestershire.

January II.

From Mrs Sarah Griffiths Sir. According to the chaplain to the new Bishop of Portsmouth bishops are being evicted from their large houses to ones "which will suit the needs of a bishop in the 21st century". Will small congregations in large churches also be asked to move?

Yours faithfully. SARAH GRIFFITHS.

The Birches Vowchurch Common, Herefordshire. January II.

A fish called zander

From Mr Richard Morgan

Sir. I must take issue with your leading article Danuary 10) describing the zander as "the scaly foreign fish". As you point out in a report on the same day, zander were originally late 19th-century immigrants from Eastern Europe and first lived in three communities in the Woburn Abbey

Eighty years and many generations later their descendants became sufficiently anglicised to move into more mainstream English society via the Great Ouse.

Their success must surely recommend them as good citizens - in spite of their somewhat violent nature and able to move in both aristocratic and more down-to-earth circles.

Yours faithfully. R. MORGAN. 105 Leopold Street. Loughborough, Leicestershire. January II.

Fair play

From the Reverend Dr P. J. Galloway Sir. Instead of the politically correct but impossibly confusing bi-coloured chess pieces proposed by Mr Michael Parker (letter, January 16), why not move through the looking-glass and take a leaf from the far from nonsensical world of Alice: replace the conflict between black and white by the tetchy, but essentially good-natured, relations between white and

Yours sincerely, PETER GALLOWAY. The Vicarage. Lyncroft Gardens, NWo. January In



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ST JAMES'S PALACE

SANDRINGHAM

January 17: The Queen was repre-sented by Lieutenant-Colonel Sir John Miller at the Memorial Service for Mr Geoffrey Cross (Founder Chairman of the Royal Windsor Horse Show) which was held in St Michael's Church, Bray.

Serkshire, today. The Duke of Edinburgh was represented by Sir Brian

The Prince of Wales was represented by Colonel Gerard Leigh. The Duke and Duchess of York were represented by Captain Neil

Princess Alice, Duchess Gloucester was represented by Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Simon **BUCKINGHAM PALACE**

January 17: The Princess Royal this morning presented the 1995 Worldaware Business Awards at the Royal Institution of Great Britain, Albemarle Street, London

Her Royal Highness, President, Save the Children Fund, this afternoon attended a Luncheon for

Lady Norreys gave birth to a son in

YORK HOUSE

Memorial celebration

Gibraltar on January 15.

Professor James Edward Meade A celebration of the life and work of Professor James Edward Mea will be held on Saturday. March 2 1996, at 2.30pm in the Chapel of Trinity College, Cambridge.

Dinners

HM Government Mr Makcolm Rifkind, QC, Sec retary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was the host at a dinner given yesterday by Her Majesty's Government at 1 Carlion Gordens in honour of the Secretary-General of the WEU.

Oxford University
The Vice-Chancellor of Oxford University was the host at a dinner held last night at St Giles' House in honour of Dr Klaus Kinkel, the German Foreign Minister, after he had opened the university's new Centre for the Advanced Study of European and Comparative Lav

Among those present were:
The German Ambassador, the ProVice-Chancellor and the the HighSieward of Ostord University, the
Chalman of the Anglo-German
Junits' Association, the Rector of
Bonn University, the Warden of St
Antony's College, the Principal of
Latiy Margaret Hall and the Civestor of
the Certical

County Surveyors' Society Sir George Young, Secretary of State for Transport, was the principal guest at the annual dinner of the County Surveyors' Society held last night at the RAC. Mr Tommy Thompson, Director of Planning and Transportation for Leicestershire County Council, presided. outh in the County of Devon.

Luncheons

HM Cownered Mr Malcolm Rifkind, QC, Sec-retary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was the host at a luncheon given yesterday by Her Majesty's Government at I Carlton Gardens in honour of the Danish Foreign Minister.

major fundraisers at South Africa

House, Trafalgor Square, London

The Princess Royal, President of

the Patrons, Crime Concern, later

launched the Southwark Safer

Cities Project in Elmington Road,

D'Eynstord Estate, London SE5. Her Royal Highness. President.

British Knitting and Clothing Ex-

port Council, this evening attended the British Apparel Export Awards at the Royal Lancaster Hotel,

ST JAMES'S PALACE.
January 17: The Prince of Wales
this morning opened the Spey
Abstraction Scheme at Baxters
Visitors' Centre, Fochabers, and

was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Morayshire

Air Vice-Marshal George

January 17: The Duke of Kent, President, the Business and Tech-

nology Education Council, today presented the Student of the Year

Engineers, Great George Street,

wards, at the Institution of Civil

HM Government Sir Nicholas Bonsor, Minister of State for Foreign and Common wealth Affairs, was the host at a luncheon given yesterday by Her Majesty's Government at Lan-

Bolivian Vice-President. Coachmakers and Comb Harness Makers' Company Mr Peter Sparks, Master of the Coachmakers' and Coach Harness

Makers' Company, presented the Coachmakers' Award to Industry to Mr John Towers, Chief Executive of the Rover Group, at a court and livery luncheon held yesterday at Tallow Chandlers' Hall. Mr Anthony Sparks and Lieutenant-Colonel R.T. Harris also

Lord Feldman

The life barony conferred upon Sir Basil Feldman has been gazetted by the name, style and title of Baron Feldman, of Frognal in the London Borough of Camden.

Lady Wilcox

The life barony conferred upon Judith Ann Lady Wikox has been gazetted by the name, style and due of Baroness Wilcox, of Plym-

Birthdays today

Chief Emeka Anyaoku, Common-wealth Secretary-General, 63; Air Marshal Sir Alfred Ball, 75; Mr Robert Banks, MP, 59; Mr Peter Beardsley, footballer, 35; Dr David Bellamy, botanist, writer and broadcaster, 63; Sir Michael Bett, former chairman. Social Security Advisory Committee, 61: Mr John Boorman, film director, 63; Mr Raymond Briggs, illustrator and author, 62: Professor M.J. Brown, clinical pharmacologist, 45: Mr David Burke, Chief Constable, North Yorkshire, 57; Mr J.R. Cart, former chairman, Countryside Commission of Scotland, 69: Mr Kevin Costner, actor, 41: Mr Richard Dunwoody, jockey, 32; Mr Christian Fittipaldi. racing driver, 25: the Hon Str Rocco Forte thref executive, Forte, 51; Sir William Goodhart. QC, 63: Mr DJ. Grant, Lord Lieutenant of County

BIRTHS

BURCHELL - On January 10th 1996, to Jonathan and Caroline (née Edney), a son, Edgar Jonathan Gauffrey.

COSTELLO - On January
14th at The Portland
Hospital, to Evelya and
Michael. a daughter.
Katharine Alice, a star for

PARTIELS - On 12th James of The Portland Hospital, to Monica (new Ward) and Jonathan, a son, Thomas Matthew.

1995, to Eryl O'Day and Nicholas Gould, a lovely daughter, Hannah Curys.

HACKETT - On Japanery 18th at The Roule Maternity Houghtsi, Cambridge, to Lucy and Gerald, a son. Tobias Japan.

HITCHCOCK - On Jesseny 6th 1996, to Piona (née Exmet) and Charles, a son. Heavy Pater Robert.

JENGES - On 9th Jenuary 1996 at Leeks, to Mortin an Ethinbeth, a wonderful bely son, James Alexander.

son, James Aktignder. LODER - To Cressida and

Rose, on 14th Juntary,
McCULLOCH - On Jenuary
10th 4! The Portland
Hospital, to Deirdre (née
Payne) and Nell, a beautiful
drughter. Petge Bethan, a sister for Alexander.
McKOSSW - See Puriser.
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MIDDLETON - On 14th January 1996, to Caroline (not Plainted) and Richard, a son, Harry John, a brother for Hannah.

ROF PARTIES - On January Sth 1995, to Streingh and Philip. a son. Samuel George (Sam). a brother for Freddie.

PARSONSON - At 6 am on 16th January 1996 at Queen Charlotte's Housital, to hake and lan, a son, Henjamin Dolf Falte.

GOULD - On 29th Decemb

Durham, 74; Mr James Hann, former chairman. Scottish Nuclear, 63; Sir William Harding. diplomat, 69: Mr Robert Hides. MP, St. Str Terence Higgins, MP. 68; Mr John Hougham, chairman. ACAS, 59: Mr David Howell, MP. 60; Mr John Hume, MP, MEP. 59: Mr Edward James, diplomat, 79; Dame Jennifer Jenkins, former chairman, National Trust, 75: Mr Paul Keating, Prime Minister of Australia, 52: Mr Martin Laing, chairman, John Laing, 54: Sir Godfray Le Quesne, QC, former chairman, Monopolies and Merg-ers Commission. 72; Sir Peter Strutt, former chairman, Strutt and Parker (Farms), 80; Sir Walter Verco, former secretary. Order of the Garter, 89: Sir Ralph Verney, landowner, 81: Sir Clive Whitmore,

PARSONSON - Al 4.10 nm on 16th Japaney 1995 at Queen Charlothy Houstes. In Sharas and Richerd. a son, Christopher William Falte. cousts to Benjambe-grandsons for Stourt and Permeta Parsonson.

NUSSEMER - On January 82: 1996, to Flora (nee According and Duncan, a beautiful

congitier, Katrion Maris, a sister for James.

SANUEL-BILLY - On 21st December 1995 1.47am, at Lewisham Hogstal. London, to Appella and Denis, a garyaous son, Rhys Darnel Michael Albert, a brother for Stancha, Koney and Donne, and country to Jessie.

SAMUEL - On December 21st 1995 7.55 pm at Levisham Hoptini. Landon. to labbel (née Ruan) and Allan. a gorgeous son, Jesse Luke Oliver. a brother for Miles, and cousin to Rhys.

SCHAW MILLER - On Japunery 12th 1996, to Line (née Bernard) and Stephen, a daughter, hobel Francesca.

SCOTY - On 12th January, to

SMILEY - On 13th January is

Sectal to Sobyung and Philip, a son, Francis Hugh Kim.

TRAFFORD - On January 13th 1996, at 5.17 am, to Tanva (nee Euridge) and lam, a son. William Michael Victor.

ALLES - On 16th January, seacetely in his sleep. Street, and things Sedley Allen R.C.M.G. Funerit Monday 22nd January, 2.30 pm Sealann Church. Flowers or departement to R.N.L.I. c/o gaward white & Son, 5 South Pallani, Chichester (01245) 782136.

DEATHS

Madison, Wisconstn USA, Karria (née St Clair Mi

Dr James Cramoud, of London SWIO 1969 30 Mr John Forrester Ellion, of Carshalton Beeches, Surrey

SMCHFORD - hvms, wistow of Jack, in her 95th year, much hved mother, grandmother, grest-grandmother sed sout. Funeral St Michael's Church. Melksham. Wednesday January 24th 12 noon. Enquiries to D.J. Bewley Funeral Directors. (01225) 702621

Stalkie – Zaida Ann os James, 14th peacetally in hospital aged 79 years Widow of John, much loved and admired mother of Mark, Jane and Sue and devoted grandmother. Co

Mark. Jane and Side and devoted grandmother. Co founder of the Co-Wortsers of Mother Teretal. Purperal Service at St Thomas Moore, Bramley, at 1.30 pm Monday 22nd January. Family Rowers only but demandes in Missionaries of Charty (p. Phum? Fuseral Services, Dorset House, Migh Street, Crapingh, G./.6 SRL.

BLAIR - Resemmy Elizabeth, on 16th Japunery, efter one day in hospital, in her 55rd year, Mach loved wife of Alatair (died 26/9/34) and mother of Patrick and Paulsen, Grandmother of Nigd, Robin, Mark, Jegnifer, Roth, Andrew, James and David, Great-grandmother of Hally, James, Edward and Lucy, Pameral on Tuesday

Hally, James, Edward and Loty, Funeral on Topoday 23rd James at Topoday 23rd James at Topoday 23rd James at Hildersham, Cambridge on Thursday 25th James at Hildersham, Cambridge on Thursday 25th James 212 noon, Family flowers only, Donations to Queen Amm's School Bursary Fund C/o Robert Ayling Funeral Services, 25 South Road, Cubifferd, Survey GL2 6NY, ed. 601483) 567333.

Today's royal engagements

The Princess of Wales will launch ChildLine's 10th Birthday appeal at the Savoy Hotel at noon. Prince Edward, as Chairman of

the International Council, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award International Association, will attend the presentation of Gold awards by the President of Ireland in Dublin Castle at 6.00k and later will attend the 10th anniversary

The Princess Royal, as Patron of the Home Farm Trust, will attend a reception for current and prospective patrons at BAFTA, Piccadilly, at 11.30; as President of the Patrons, Crime Concern, will visit Kensington and Chelsea Sale Cities projects, Dartrey Tower, World's End Estate and at Chelsea Town Hall from 200; and, as Patron of the Butler Trust, she will view an exhibition and attend a reception for HMP service staff at Cleland House, Page Street, SWl. at 3.45. Later, as Past Master of the Loriners' Company, she will at-tend a dinner at Vintners' Hall at

The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester will attend the Windsor and Eton Society's golden jubilee dinner at the Castle Hotel, Windsor, at 7.45.

Today's events The Queen's Life Guard mounts at

Horse Guards at 11.00. The Queen's Guard mounts at Buckingham Palace at 11.30.

The Valentine Ball The Valentine Ball will be held for 3,000 guests at The Cafe Royal on Friday, February 9, 1996, Invita-tions and E37 tickets from 0171-931

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Charles Louis de Secondat, Baron de Montesq philosopher, Bordeaux, 1689; Jo-seph Farwell Glidden, farmer, inventor of burbed wire, 1813; Matthew Webb, first English Channel swimmer, Dawley, Shropshire, 1848: A.A. Milne, children's writer and dramatist, London, 1882; Arthur Ransome, author, 1884; Antoine Pevsner, sculptor, Orel. Russia, 1886; Cary Grant, actor, Bristol, 1904; Danny Kaye, actor, Brooklyn, 1913.

DEATHS: Jan van Riebeck, surgeon and founder of Cape Town, Djakarta, Indonesia, 1677; Sir John Pringle, physician and President of the Royal Society 1772, London, 1782; Edward Bulwer-Lytton, 1st Baron Lytton, novelist and politician, Torquay, 1873; Rudyard Kipling, first British writer to be awarded the Nobel prize for lit-erature, 1907, London, 1936; Sir Cecil Beaton, photographer, Broad Chalke, Wiltshire, 1980.

Cantain Cook discovered the Sandwich Islands (Hawaii), 1778. William of Prussia was proclaimed as the 1st German Emperor, 1871. Captain Robert Scott and his

1912 The Versailles Peace conference

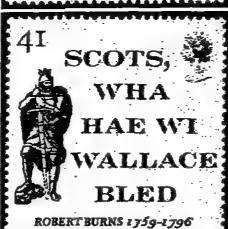
Latest wills.

Sir Kingsley William Amis. of London NWI, the novelist and poet, left estate valued at £543,685

He appointed his son Martin L Amis and Jonathan Clowes, his literary executors, and left his published and unpublished works, manuscrapts and letters and rights therein to follow the residue of his estate and he left £1,000 to Uly Uniacke, of Ware, and 374ths of the residue equally between his children Sally, Fillip and Martin and 174th of the residue to Hilary A Kilmartock.

Mr David George François Nickerson, of London Wil. an-tiques dealer, former managing director of Malletts in Bund Street, left estate valued at £601,752 net. Other estates include thet, before

ROBERT BURNS 1759-1796



ROBERT BURNS 1759-1796

ROBERT BURNS 1759-179

This set of four special stamps to mark the bicentenary of Robert Burns's death was launched by Royal Mail yesterday at the White Hart Inn, Grassmarket, Edinburgh, where Burns stabled his horse on his first visit to the city in 1786 and where he stayed on his last visit there five years later. The stamps were designed by Andrew Wolffe of the design company, Tayburn Mellroy Coates

Memorial services

Mr Geoffrey Cross

The Queen was represented by Ligutenant-Colonel Sir John Miller and the Duke of Edinburgh by Sir Brian McGrath at a service of thanksgiving for the life of Mr Geoffrey Cross, founder chairman of the Royal Windsor Horse Show, held westerday at St Michael's, Bray-on-Thames

The Prince of Wales was repre sented by Colonel Gerard Leigh, the Duke and Duchess of York by Captain Neil Blair, RN, Princess Alice Duchess of Gloucester by Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Simon Bland and Prince and Princess Michael of Kent by Miss Anne

The Right Rev Michael Mann officiated, assisted by the Rev George Repath. Mr Patrick Cross, nephew, and Mr Ian Bryden, son-in-law, gave readings. Mr Michael Clayton, Editor of Horse and Hound, gave an address. Among

Mrs Ethel Hyde-White, Mr Mark Cross Isoni, Mr and Mrs Christopher Archdale (son-in-law and daughter), Mrs Iam Bryden (daughter) and other members of

the ramity.

General Sir Patrick Palmer
(governor, Windsor Castle), Mr
Michael Bullen (chairman, Royal
Windsor Horse Show) and Mrs
Bullen with Mr A Wiseman (chief
exacutive) and Mrs Wiseman, Miss Penny Henderson (secretary) and other members of the committee, Mr David Walton Masters (vice-chairman, Guards Polo Windsor Gress Park), Mr John Ridley (representing the chairman of Harrods) and many other friends and colleagues, past and

Sir Thomas Devitt

A memorial service for Sir Thomas Devitt. former England Rugby International, was held yesterday at St Leonard's. Lexden, Colchester. The Rev Stephen Carter officiated. Mr Edward Parker. grandson, read the lesson and Sir James Devitt, son, gave an ad-dress. Representatives of the Regby Football Union, the Seaforth Highlanders. Sherborne School, Pangbourne College and the National Service for Seafarers were amone those present.

Sir Trenchard Cox

A service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Sir Trenchard Cox. a former Director and Sec-retary of the Victoria and Albert Museum, was held yesterday at St

ADB - Charles Anthony
MA. (Funy) died on 14th
Jenuary 1996 after a short
Shress, Service of consultate
will be held at 1 per on 22ad
January 1996 at Woking
Cremalorium. No Rewers
please but donations, 15
danted, to Cause Research.

LEWIS - Dr Hannein R, of Woodstock Road, Oxford ded on 13th January 1996. The familial service will lake place in St. John Capel, Oxford Crematorium on Saturemy January 20th at 10.30 Ms. Family Sewars only. Denations to the R.N.L. hash be seen to Heeven and Pain, 285 Ablugdon Road, Oxford, GOC, 475.

Wordenday, 17th James, peacefully at Curtured Casteria Hamilia, Cheegew, Abor Gibt Cowind, and 87 years of Bearden (formasty of Beaverley, and of Hull College of Education), who of the late Kenneth Americ Machiahem, mother of Michael and Susan Ghode, mother-in-law of James, Nigel (deceased) and Geoffrey, standarother of Caroline, Kenneth, Eleanor, Lacy, Thomas and Daniel, Pimessi Service on Monday, 22nd January at 10,30 am.
Clydebank Crematorium, Horn Delandary, to which all friends are respectively invoked.

Martin-in-the Fields. The Rev Nicholas Holtam officiated and Prebendary Austen Williams led the prayers.

Sir John Lambert, nephew, read he lesson. Professor Michael Kauffmann gave an address. Mr James Cross, bass, and Mr Nicho-Martin, trumpet, also took part. Among others present

Richard Adams, Mr Jeremy Adams, Mr Christopher Adams, Mr Christopher Adams, Mr Janes Mr James Cross, Mr Janes Cavanagh, Mr Adam Cox, Mr Simon Cox, Professor and Mrs C.F. Cullis, Mr and Mrs William Meadows, Mrs J Becher, Mr Kenneth Anderson, Lodge Professor Lodge Company

Mesdows, Mrs J Becher, Mr Kenneth Anderson.
Lady Reigase, Lady Freyberg, Adeline Lady Ampthili, Lady Johnston (chairman, National Association of Decorative and Fine Arts Societies) with Dr Joyce Williams (Hampanead Heath branch) and Mrs Jean Read (Went Mercia branch) and other chembers of the association; Lady Parkinson, Lady Clarke, Lady Pricher, Sir Roy Strong, Sir Edward Ford, Mr and Mrs Richard Walker, Mr and Mrs Richard Walker, Mr and Mrs Richard Walker, Mr and Mrs Richard Strong, Mr and Mrs Pener Mercia Michaela Jenkerson-Kenshole, Miss Lilliam Browne, Mr Sidney Hutchison, Mr and Mrs Pener Rogers, Mrs Shirley Bury, Mr and Mrs Pener Mogers, Mrs Shirley Bury, Mr and Mrs Robert Rowe, Mr William Reid, Mrs Robert Rowe, Mr William Reid, Mrs Robert Rowe, Mr William Richard Edgeumbe, Dr Kenneth Garlick, Major-General

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Mr. and Mrs. Marian Sterling, Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Pitcher, Miss. Anne Seagrim, Miss. A Thurgood, Mr. and Mrs. Graham Reynolds. Mrs. Frank White, Dr. and Mrs. Frank Greenaway, Mr. Michael Wilson, Miss. N. Rothmen, Mr. John Cherry, Mrs. Ruth Wooldridge, Mrs. Helen Gordon-Smith, Dr. R. W. Keay, Mrs. Kathy Mason, Mrs. Jeanne Rosen, Mrs. Celia Gilroour.

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Mr Alan Borg (director, Victoria and Albert Museum), Ms Glerya Wild (Birmangham Museum), Miss Judy Edgerton (National Gallery), Miss Rosallad Savili (director, The Wallace Collection), Mrs Marearet Richardson (curator. Sir John Sosne's Museum) and Miss Helen Dorey (deputy curator), Dr Oliver Impsy Ashmolean Museum. Oxford). Mr Tim Cifford (director, National Gallerles of Scotland) and Mrs Gallerles of Scotland; and Mrs John Murdoch (director.

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(Medici Society), Mr Peter Cannon-Brookes (Joint editor,
Museum Management and Ciratorship), Miss Erica O'Donnell

Lady (Jonathan) Parker, daugh-ter, and Mr David Burns, son, read the lessons. Mr Tom G. Burns, son, read from the works of Gerard Manley Hopkins and Mr Jimmy Burns, son, read from The

June 20 Memory. Mr George Bull gave an address. Pipe Major R. Murphy played Flowers of the Forest after Mass. Among others present were:

grandchildren), Miss Basti John, Miss Peter Whitheld and Miss William Milroy (sisters), Miss Belen Maranon (sister-in-isw), Miss Belen Maranon (sister-in-isw), Miss Belen Maranon (sister-in-isw), Miss Adrian Whitheld, Miss Medward, Mr and Miss Sarah John.

The Spanish Ambassador, Iord Harvington, Lord and Lady Hunt of Tanworth, Lord Hayboe, Sir Michael Pailliser, the Hon Lady de Zuiueta, the Hon Edmund and Miss Howard. Lady Lindsay of Dowhill, Sir Paul Wright, Lady Pilcher, Lady Wade-Gery (representing the chairman of the Anglo-Spanish Society). Sir Richard Parsons, Sir David Goodall, Lady (James) Bowker.

Prebendary Gerard Irvine, Miss Rosemary Irvine, Miss Rosemary Irvine, Miss Mark Rittner, Mr Hubert Picards, OC, Miss John Nichols, Mir and Miss Philipp German, Ribon, Mirs Gavin Penguson, Mir and Miss Michael Ridley, Mir Anthony Burcher, OC, Miss Anthony de Lothinière, Miss Philippa Toomey, Major General and Miss I H Page.

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John Gore (Society and many other former colleagues.

Mr Tom Burns

Mass in thanksgiving for the life of Mr Thomas Ferrier Burns, former Editor of The Tablet, was con-celebrated by Dom Dominic Milroy, OSB, nephew, assisted by the Roman Catholic Bishop of Portsmouth and Father N. Swinton at the Church of the Immediate Conception, Farm Street,

Among olders present were:

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Hon Mrs Burns (daughters-inlaw), Mr Oliver Parker, Mr Peter

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Forthcoming marriages

Captain T.R. Acworth, QRH. and Miss. J.C. Webb.

The engagement is announced between Thomas Richard, elder son of the Venerable R.F. and Mirs Acworth, of Wells, Somerset, and Jayne Catherine, daughter of Mr and Mrs J.K. Webb, of Saxelbye,

Mr R.J. Bailey and Miss C.E. Mages

The engagement is announced between Richard James, and of Mr and Mrs S.F.N. Bailey, of Muswell Hill, London, and Catherine Elizabeth younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Gerald Magee, of Toys

Mr R.L. Cam und Miss E.A. Koundouros

The engagement is announced between Robert, son of Mr and Mrs Trever Cammack, of Harpenden, Hertfordshire, and Erica, daughter of Mr and Mrs Philip Konsdouros, of Highgate, London.

Mr N. Dovey and Miss L.I. Silvey. The engagement is announced between Nell, son of Barrie and Diane Dovey, of Newcastle under Lyme, Staffordshire, and Lisberh Jo, daughter of Stuart and Adele Silvey, of Windson, Berkshire.

Mr RA. Dyball and Miss C.F. Moore

The engagement is announced between Richard, elder son of Mr and Mrs Peter Dyball, of Lytchett Matravers, Dorset, and Ciara, daughter of Mr and Mrs Brian Moore, of Camberley, Surrey. Colour R.E.S. Fundance

The engagement is announced-between Robin Faulkner, late The Queen's Royal Lancers, of Teffont, Salisbury, Wiltshire, and Zillah Thom, of London, SW19.

and Mint A.M. Stanford The engagement is announced between William eldes sen of the Earl of Radnor and Lady Cox, and Melissa, daughter of Mr and Mrs. James Stanford.

Mr R.A. Lemm and Miss S.J. Wright The engagement is announced between Richard, third son of Mr and Mrs Dennis Leman, of East Grinstead, Sussex, and Susan, elder daughter of Dr and Mrs

Arthur E. Wright, of Heathern, Northumberland

Mr W.M.C. Healing and Miss J.O.S. Izzard The engagement is announced between William, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Julian Healing, of Astis. France, and Joanna, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Robert Izzard, of Crowborough, East Sussex:

Mr G.N. Holde and Miss B.C. Frankcom The engagement is announced between Sebastian Nicholas, only son of Mr M.G. Hobbs, of Milton Ontario, Canada, and Mrs M.F. Rolds, of Motterham St Andrew, Cheshire, and Emma Caroline, only daughter of Mr G.K. Frankcom of Arundel, West Susex, and Mrs M.A. Frankcoon, of

Chelsham, Surrey. The engagement is announced between Simon Arthur, younger son of Mr and Mrs David Kitching, of Beverley, Yorkshire, and Joanna Cameron, younger

daughter of Major and Mrs James Wate, of Shrivenbaro, Oxfordshire, Mr D.D. Pearey and Miss S. Knowles The engagement is announced between David, son of the late Mr and Mrs Herbert Pearey, and Susannah, daughter of the late Major Timothy Knowles and of

Mrs Patricia Knowles, of Baunton, Mr J.C. Taylor and Miss A.I. Wood The engagement is announced between John, elder son of Mr and

Mrs Andrew Taylor, of Balsall Common, West Midlands, and Alexandra, younger daughter of Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs David Wood, of Milcombe,

Mr A.D.R. Tebbs and Miss A.L. Sesi The engagement is amounted between Andrew, son of Mr David Tebbs, of Wimbledon, and Mrs. Judy Chilmon, of Eddington, withshire, and Arabella, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Smith, of Farnham, Surrey.

and Mins S.M.A. McWilliam The engagement is announced between Robert, son of Mr and Mrs Prancis Vilain, of Solibull, West Midlands, and Sally, daugh-ter of Mr Clement McWilliam, of chester, and elder daughter of

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Egyptians suffered modern diseases

BY NORMAN HAMMOND, ARCHAROLOGY CORRESPONDENT

HUNDREDS of dedetoor from an Egyptian tomb are revealing evidence of an ancient population that suffered from modern discusses; including cancer and hiberculods. More than 3,000 years ago ac-cidents, domestic violence and arthritis were all present in the ice of an ancient population that

Nile Valley.

The evidence comes from nearly than 350 adults, buried in and around the tomb of Maya and his wife Meryt at Saggara, near Cairo. Maya was Tutankhamun's trea-surer and confident, Meryt a characters of the god Amun; when the tomb was found nearly a decade ago it caused a sensation. The tomb had been robbed in

The tomb had been rooted in antiquity, however, and the remains of individuals were thoroughly mixed. It has taken Professor Engen Stroubal of Charles University in Prague and Dr.W.R. Perizonius several years. to sort the recontrer out. "Nevertheless, it was possible to

recover basic demographic dam, and especially to observe palacopathological changes," Protessor Stroutal says in Egyptian Archaeology. "Among the remains relatively few injuries were detected, and most could have been the result of accidents or domestic."

Most of the adults softered fiven degenerative diseases, including arthritis and osteophytosis of the spine. Some joints had had their cardiage destroyed by hard phys-ical labour, indicating that the

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soup held the remains of workers as well as members of Egypt's Among the hereditary afflictions

was spondylolysis, a stress frac-ture of the versebral arches; the concentration of bones with this condition in certain burial chamused by blood relatives as family says.

Tuberculosis was less common

than expected, but there was evidence for several kinds of timours. One young man's forearm had been deformed by an osteosarcoma, which had led to rapid inner bone growth bursting through the bone surface.

The most spectacular tumour

had destroyed the entire rear and left side of the skull of a man in his forties, removing a section of vault more than 4m square. The prob-able cause was an intracranial tumour, or metastasis from a carcinoma elsewhere in the body; but the partially healed edge of the lesion shows that this tumour did not kill the man, shinough cancer remains his likely cause of death. There was little evidence for ancient surgery. One skull, how-ever, had a section of bone removed from the occipital, probably excerebration during embalming; no brain tissue remained, but there was no evidence of its removal via the nose, the usual Egyption

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BULFORD - John Henry.
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DEATH - W.G. late of JB. Cremers and the Locardo Dance Orchestra. died on January 19th. Funeral Service at Christ Caurch. Charleywood. 24th January 11.45 am. Donations if desired to The Friends of Windmill House, Sushey Beath.

GARSTEN - Sudden and mexpected death of John Michael Garsten on 13th January, dearly loved husband and father. Family fluoral service at Randals-Park, Leatherhead on 24th January. Flowers may be sent to f.W. Paine Paineral Directors, 182 18pt Street, New Maiden, Surray KTS 428, bd. (0381) 942-1978.

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MANRIER - Richard Hogh, seed 72 years, on Jaruary 14th, Sendor History Marker at Norwich School 1947-1995, Loved husband of Elizabeth Kydd, Funeral Service at 8t Michael's Church, Braydesion, on Tuesday January 23rd at 12 noon, Family flowers only, densitions to the Church c/o Peter Taylor Funeral Services. 85 Undensit Hond, Norwich.

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REDETON - On Juminey 16th at King Edward VE Hospital Lieut-Cookunander Home Richton and 85 youtper not of the inte Captain Giom Richton of Gwarnyful Park. Three Cocks. Powys. Funeral Service of Bullington Parkin Church. Homestripes Parkin Church. Homestripe on Sunday Jumetry 21st at 2pm. Family Sowwe coly. Donations, if desired, to R.N.L.I. c/e Jm. Steel & Sm. Cheef House. Winchester SOZS CHU.

MARSHALL - Lady C.P., Guent: 16th January, at the Bath Choic, shortly after her stim hirdeny. Pinneral at Winstey Parish Chorch at 2pm on Teneday 25rd January. Flowers or douations to Winstey Vinne Project via C.S. Bowyer (andertalend, Ernelynd on POURDS - Marry of Portsmouth, peanifully on Wednesday 17th Jamesty at Queen Alexandra Hospital, Portsmouth March loved and antly inheed by the mother Rate, wife Mary, children Cookie, John, Herry, William, Embas and his six grandchildren. Private crunation. A Memorial of a McSWEINEY - Teresco McSweeney, KcHS, ME SCA, BAO (NUL) MCA, MCA (Orth), FRCS, FACS, Formery Director of Spinal Injustes Unit Orthopsedic Hospital, Gawestry and Orthopsedic Surveou. Leighton Hospital, Crewe. Died pencefully on 14th January 1996, Funeral Service et 81 Mary's Parish Church. Nagiwich, on Tuesday 23rd January at 19th. Dogazion's In ally memory to (The Treasury) World Crimpsedic Concern, British Orthopsedic Associates, 35-43 Lincoln's Ins Fields, London WC2A 37th. Any enguires to F.J. Trusider & Son. F/D. Inic 04270 622665.

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SCOOK - Enid Galarvere pracefully at Westminster Nurring Home, Bourne, Licolashire, and 90 years, formerly of Gleves, Personarth, Somer and Albar, Landon. Beloved widow of Bernard Moore and loved mother, grandmether and great-grandmother. Puneral Directors B.J. Scholes of Sunderd. 61780 63062.

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SCHOLDZI - On humany 16th 1996 agad 57 years very peacefully after a short univer. Harriste, beloved asser of Stephen Schillzed and Theano Chenevir Trench and very much loved aunt of Penny, Pehr and John Funca's Service at St. Laurence's Church. Alvechurch, on Tuesday Jamenty 23rd at 12 Book followed by cremation at Redditch. Plowers or it preferred donations to SGAFA. Enquiries to Q. Crump Funcati Director. bit

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http://www.lam.com/ lam.com/lam.com/ Jean, of Mattock, Derbyskire, Pausra's Service at Balowell Parint Church of All Saints on Thursday, James 25th at 11 cm price to cremition at Challefield. No flowers by Fedgust, docutions gratefully received

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Thenlogiving on Wednesday 94th January at St John the Bustlet Church, Women't at 2.30 am. Donations to Macroline Number Event WATSON - Dr. Raiph (Watto), fermesty County Medical Officer of Health, East Hiding of Yorkshire, on Juniory 16th 1996 aged 95, years, Much. loved father, grandfather. Puneral at Cambridge Crematorium, 12-32 pin on Thunday 25th Juniory.

Houlihan passed away peacefully at home on Tuesday 16th January, All-witcome at the Service of

level mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother; Service of St Meny's Chunch, St Caire Road, Walner, Desi-ue Mancley 22nd Japaney is 21 Ma., Johnwal by private creaserism at larcham, Franky Roburs city to E.S., Chyd. 25-Xibert Bood, Desi. CTJA-2802.

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MEADE - A Calebration of the life and work of Professor James Edward Meinde will be held on Seturday 2nd histor-1996 at 2,30 per in the chapet of Trinity Coffees. Cambridge.

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OBITUARIES

Kaye Webb, MBE, children's book publisher, died on January 16 aged 81. She was born on January 26, 1914.

THROUGHOUT the 1960s and 1970s Kaye Webb was the doyenne of children's books. In her day at Puffin Books, parents could trust any Puffin to provide good reading for their child. Through the Puffin Club, which she founded in 1967, generations of bright children became well-read, curious and keen on letter writing. The Puffin Post, packed with their stories, puzzles and poems and jokes ("What comes out of a cupboard at 100mph? Stirling Moth") reflected the zest of "The Fattest Puffin", as Kaye Webb would sign her autograph for children.

She assumed that all children were avid not for news of pop stars but for eclectic information: did you know you can roll a hibernating dormouse across a table-top without waking it up? In return, children responded with their best handiwork: even on her 80th birthday in 1994 the mass of cards Kaye Webb received were all individually designed, painted and lettered by former Puffineers, including at least one Fleet Street editor.

She was born in London, the daughter of a drama critic mother and a father who wrote for The Irish Times. At nine she had rheumatic fever and confined to bed, she read Scott, Thackeray and Dumas. At ten she won a competition for reciting, and her prize was Oscar Wilde's The Happy Prince, which remained her most treasured book. At her boarding school she had an enthusiastic English teacher, Ben R. Gibbs, who told her: "I think we're going to make a poet out of you." He sent some of his pupils' work to Walter de la Mare, who responded: "There is one exceptional poem here."

and it was Kaye Webb's. Many years later, when Kaye Webb was editing The Young Elizabethan magazine for children of the Coronation generation, she was taken by John Grigg — then still Lord Altrincham to meet de la Mare, who was by now 80 and bedridden. From then on she went to tea with the Poet Laureate every Wednesday until his death. He told her, "Have you noticed, Kindness begins with a K, too."

KAYE WEBB



After school, turning down the chance to train as an actress with Lilian Baylis (because Ben R. Gibbs told her she should write her own plays, and could act in them later), Kaye Webb went to Fleet Street. She was "George the inquiry man" on Picturegoer magazine, graduating to Picture Post and to Lilliput, where she solicited work from Waugh, Shaw, Betjeman and H. G. Wells. She got married and unmarried twice before she discovered Ronald Searle, the brilliant young cartoonist. When he came home from Changi jail, they married and began to travel: he would draw and she would write for the News Chronicle, and they produced their Paris Sketchbook (1960) jointly.

In the 1950s she and Searle were a glamorous young couple, much photographed at home with their photogenic twins Kate and John. (Their marriage is a model of domestic happiness enriched by professional collabor-ation" — The Sunday Times. 1951). Searle created his St Trinian's characters; she became editor of The Young Elizabethan, featuring Nigel Moles-worth. But in 1961 Searle walked out of the marriage to live in France, and Allen Lane invited Miss Webb to take over the work of Eleanor Graham, who had pioneered Puffins in the 1940s. "All my life my business life has worked out beautifully," she said. "My private life has been the reverse."

Kaye Webb brought a tireless dyna-

mism to the job in an era when publishers and librarians began to see the importance of children's reading. Her Puffins — beginning with Moonfleet by Meade Faulkner and Arthur Calder-Marshall's The Fair to Middling — sold in millions and stayed in print for decades. So getting into Puffins was an accolade for children's authors. She always knew instinctively what children would find fun. "What I would like from you." she would write in Puffin Post, "is a stone story. The story must be about a stone. Five stoney prizes." Children responded to such challenges with enthusiasm and would write rapturous letters about the token prizes. There were Puffin holidays, picnics and projects to save coastlines and bury time-cap-sules. There was a song "There is nuthin like a Puffin" and a codeword (Sniffup Spotera, Puffins are tops).

She also latched onto the notion that children liked to meet authors so she hured them from their garrets, and their readers would queue halfway down the street to meet Roald Dahl. Spike Milligan or Quentin Blake. She would take parties of readers to see the places where their favourite stories were set. She trumpeted no dogma about literacy, except to urge parents to read aloud to their children, and to see

that they owned as many books as toys. She was appointed MBE in 1974 and on her 80th birthday a number of her authors gathered at Claridge's — Raymond Briggs, Joan Aitken, Philippa Pearce, Leon Garfield, Nina Bawden, Nicholas Fisk, Shirley Hughes - for a nursery tea. By this time - 1994 - Puffin Books were asking writers for stories of violent crime and mystery, to woo the pre-teen boys of the computer-game generation. Her last anthology was Family Tree, poems and prose about less than perfect families with Disagreeable

Cousins, Odd Aunts etc. Confined latterly to her book-lined mansion flat overlooking the canal at Little Venice, its walls hung with drawings by Searle and Ardizzone, she never stopped enjoying children's books, or the company of children, making friends with the small children of her neighbour Victoria Wood.

She is survived by her son and

HIS HONOUR PETER **HOPKIN MORGAN**

His Honour Peter Hopkin Morgan, QC, former circuit judge, died on December 30 aged 76. He was born on February

WITH the death of Peter Morgan the Bar, particularly in Wales, has lost one of its most compassionate as well as its most convivial members.

Peter Trevor Hopkin Morgan was the son of Cyril Morgan, chairman of the family business of Hopkin Morgan & Co of Pontypridd. He was sent to Bryn Tirion School and then went on to Mill Hill School. On leaving Mill Hill in 1936 he spent some time in Germany and almost a year at Tours in France, before going up to Magdalen College, Oxford.

His university career was interrupted by the war - in which he served with the Somerset Light Infantry and later in the Intelligence Corps - but he returned to Oxford in 1945 to take a degree in Modern Languages. In that year, too, he stood unsuccessfully as a Liberal in the Cardiff Central constituency (the seat was won for Labour by George Thomas, later the Speaker of the House of Commons).

Having decided early on against joining the family business, and encouraged by his barrister uncle Trevor Morgan, he resolved to read for the Bar. This meant moving to London along with his wife Jo, whom he had married in 1942, and two small children. Called to the Bar by the Middle Temple in 1949, he returned to Wales where he lived at Aberthin, near Cowbridge, and practised as a junior in Chambers at 9 Park Place, Cardiff. A member of the Wales and Chester circuit, he also in 1950 became a lecturer in Law at the University of Wales (Cardiff and Swansea), in which post he



Morgan had already begun to specialise in divorce cases and, in pursuit of further work in this field, he moved in 1955 once more to London where he first joined Melford Stevenson's old chambers and then those of Lord (Emlyn) Hooson, staying in the latter until 1972. These were the years of his greatest success, when his gift for making friends and lack of stuffy formality helped him to remove the acrimony from

many famous divorce cases. He was particularly anxious that, as far as possible, child-ren should be spared the antagonism which English law so often encouraged between their parents, and on the occasions when children had to attend meetings at which he presided he would take his dog into chambers to help put them at ease.

Having taking silk in 1972, Morgan longed to return to his native Wales. To his delight, the chance came when he was appointed a circuit judge in the same year, a function he performed with zeal until he retired in 1987. Retirement meant moving

from Gwent to be nearer his

children and grandchildren but he retained his old links on becoming a judge of the Provincial Court of the Church in Wales. A cheerful host, he saw nothing strange in inviting old friends from the Bar to join him for drinks on a narrow boat - which often involved tramping along broken down towpaths and over dilapidated

Morgan was, in fact, something of an eccentric - not in any spirit of protest, for he was quite conservative (with a very small "c") in most things, but in order to suit his own convenience. There can have been few judges who attended court on a motorbike, with wig tucked into the tool-box be-hind the rider, as he did when sitting in Cardiff.

Court officials at Maidstone and Reading (where he filled in during summer holidays) were often taken aback to see him rush away at the end of the day on a moped to join his wife on their narrow boat; within minutes he could be found in the stern of March Hare wearing old corduroys and an even older jacket, with a drink in one hand and The Times crossword before him. Remarkably, he was generally well-informed about the affairs of the day, aithough he was never seen to look at anything in the paper beyond the Law Reports and the

crossword. Morgan loved the canals, as ever since his days in Tours, he had loved France. His happiest holidays were spent either on a narrow boat, or on the Ile de Ré and later the vineyard of his daughter and her husband south of Bordeaux. He was as Liveryman of the Fishmongers Company. a great lover of wine, a reader of detective stories, a smoker

of cigarettes. He married Josephine Travers, daughter of the play-wright Ben Travers. She survives him together with their son and three daughters.

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DEREK KIMBER

Derek Kimber, OBE, master shipbuilder and Prime Warden, Worshipful Company of Shipwrights, 1986-87, died on December 21 aged 78. He was born on May 2, 1917.

DEREK KIMBER was one of the last of those redoubtable personalities in British shipbuilding who were able to control whole shipyards. He reached the peak of his career at a point when, amid the ruinous decline of British ship construction, this role became impossible. With a passion for shipbuilding, immense energy and a clear-sighted, forceful nature, he was a formidable opponent of nationalisation. standing up against what he saw as its idincies.

In 1977 his wife Gwen, who died two weeks before him. launched the last British privately constructed SD14 general purpose cargo carrier, a product of the shipbuilders Austin and Pickersgill, a company of which he was chairman. When asked what the effect of nationalisation would be on this profitable company. he replied: "Nationalise me. and I will be able to make a loss with the best of them."

Naturally, these views did

not endear him to the Labour Government of the day, and may even have deprived him of the knighthood which many considered to be his due. Nevertheless, within the maritime community his reputation and expertise were much sought after. Even after his retirement from active commercial concerns, the fail his presidencies and chairmanships of professional councils and associations, his contribution to steering committees both national and international and his other devoted struggles to preserve something of Britain's industrialised presence remained remarkable.

Educated at Bedford Coliege and Imperial College, London, Derek Barton Kimber entered the Royal Corps of Naval Constructors in 1939 with an engineering degree. Towards the end of the war he was engaged in the rapid repair and reconstruction of European ports such as Antwerp, which was vital to the support of the Allied advance in Western Europe. For this work he was appoint-

ed OBE in 1945. After a brief spell with the consultants Urwick Orr. he became shipyard manager and then deputy managing

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director of Fairfields, a shipbuilder of the grander sort at Glasgow, which was then engaged in building passen-ger ships and liners for Canadian Pacific. He was largely responsible for enlarging and modernising the yard during the early 1960s and, after a fact-finding tour of European companies, went on to make a major contribution to the Patton report which set out the then best practice for the British industry.

In 1966 he moved across the Irish Sea to the Belfast shipbuilder Harland and Wolff, where, as deputy to the chief executive, he was again responsible for a major reconstruction programme. This included the design and construction of the huge newbuilding dock which, with antry cranes, is toda much a local landmark.

In 1970, in what his contemporaries saw as an unexpected sabbatical, he took up for three years the post of directorgeneral of the Chemical industries Association, a London-based trade association which promotes the business and political interests of this important industrial sector.

But the lure of shipbuilding was too great and Kimber returned to become chairman of the Austin and Pickersgill shipyard on the Wear, the scene of his greatest achievements. The conception of the SD14 cargo ship and the B26 bulk carrier, both of a standard design which could be built quickly and efficiently, found a ready international market and proved to be Kimber's most important contribution to British shipbuilding, bringing him worldwide recognition. He was noted for

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his good relations with shipowners, travelling the world to garner their opinions himself. in particular, the Greek, Norwegian and Chinese shipowning communities held him in high esteem.

After the industry was

largely nationalised, he became chairman of the four yards of Govan, Smith's Doc Austin and Pickersgill and Sunderland Shipbuilders. In 1983 he gave up these chairmanships and went into shipowning, becoming the chairman of London and Overseas Freighter, Wilks Shipping Company and of the coaster owners Short Sea Ешторе

In 1977 he was awarded one of the Royal Institution of Naval Architects' rare gold medals for a technically excellent paper on the creation of a production facility for standard ships: he subsequently became president of that institution until 1981. He was a well-known figure in the City of London and a prominent and effective Prime Warden of the Worshipful Company of

Shipwrights.

Profiled in the Financial Times in December last year as "the grand old man of British shipbuilding", Derek Kimber was a man whose uncompromising nature and blunt and often undiplomatic turn of speech made him difficult to get to know. But those colleagues who managed to reach the inner man and to earn his full acceptance found him lovable, a man of great courage and compassion. A keen golfer to the end, physically robust and a hard man to match on an overseas business tour, he was remembered for jogging round Newcastle racecourse on the morning after a night made sleepless by his sixtleth birthday celebrations.

He married Gwendoline Brotherton in 1943 and is survived by their two sons and one of their two daughters.

SIR PETER SHEPHERD Sir Peter Shepherd, CBE, industrialist, died on January 6 aged 79. He was born on October 18.

continued until 1955.

PETER SHEPHERD was a leading figure for more than 40 years in efforts to improve the education, training and professionalism of the UK construction industry. The eldest of six brothers and the third generation in the family building business, he led the growth and development of the Shepherd Building Group into one of Europe's largest and most successful privately

owned construction groups.

He was chairman of the Wool Industry Training Board, 1964-74, and chairman of the Construction Industry Training Board, 1973-76. Through the latter he pioneered training techniques, many of which still operate today. His most significant achieve ment was his work for what is now the Chartered Institute of Building over a period of 30 years including its presidency in 1964-65. He led the way to its growth and development as the leading professional institute for those involved in construction. His particular interest was the development of site management training as the foundation of efficient construction. His contribution was recognised by the award of an honorary fellowship of

the institute in 1987. As a member of the council of the CBI from 1976 to 1990 he influenced many aspects of policy and with his involvement in various trade associations, he remained to the end a powerful voice in the drive for improved efficiency in the construction industry.

He was a member of the Court of the University of York and a governor of St



Peter's School in York. His contribution to education was recognised by the award of honorary doctorates from the Universities of Heriot-Watt, Sheffield Hallam and York.

Despite the many and con-tinual pressures of business and national office, Shepherd was deeply involved in the civic community of York and played a prominent role in many organisations. He was president of York Conservative Association for more than 40 years and founder master of the York Guild of Building. An active member of the Merchant Adventurers Company of York and Governor in 1984-85, he introduced many

ideas to conserve the Livery

Hall, considered to be the finest of its type in Europe. He was appointed a Deputy Lieutenant for North Yorkshire in

Peter Shepherd was a visionary in matters affecting the future efficiency and professionalism of the construction industry while possessing great skill in matters of detail a rare combination. He had an immense capacity for service to a cause and applied the greatest intellectual rigour to

his work. He was appointed CBE in 1967 and knighted in 1976. He is survived by his wife Patricia, to whom he was married for 55 years, and by their four sons.

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East Anglia must have been a great hunting-ground for prehistoric man. Whenever climatic conditions allowed, from the very remote Plicoene

conditions allowed, from the very remote Pliocene period, when the earliest men lived their life on a land surface now buried deep beneath successive layers of marine and glacial deposits. To the arrival of the passoral people existing at the very end of the Stone Age, Norfolk and Suffolk were inhabited by races of ancient hunters.

There are few hobbies that tend to make one so healthy and philosophic as that of prehistoric archaeology. To prosecute it with any hope of success it is necessary to go out into the open. Io visit certain fields where the plough has turned up relies of antiquity, or to journey to gravel and other pits where the more ancient remains of man are, with good fortune, to be found...

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Another alternative is a visit to the North
Nortolk coast. There, between Happisburgh and
Weybourne, exist about 40 miles of implementbearing cliffs, which Nature appears to have made for the delectation of the archaeologist. And in places along the coast there are to be seen, at low water, large exposures of ancient forest bed, where massive flint implements and the fossil bones and teeth of giganitic elephants and other beasts are to be found. The Cromer coast is not at its best, for archaeological purposes, in the

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Archaeologists have long been aware of the potentialities of a stretch of the North Norfolk coast and they will have rejoiced in the discovery near West Runton of the remains of a huge prehistoric elephant and the efforts to preserve them. summer. The prehistorian must wait for the

summer. The prenistorian must want for the winter and a succession of north-westerly gales and high tides. If the wind holds true and strong, and if our archaeologist be of a robust constitution and not afraid of cold and rough weather, he will, in all probability, see, when the gale subsides, a sight not easily to be forgotten. It is at such times as these, when the sand and chingle at the force of the cliffs are present account. shingle at the foot of the cliffs are swept away, that it is possible to examine the lowermost deposits of the Crumer Forest Bed, laid down by an ancient northerly extension of the present Rhine, which flowed through a wide, shallow valley now submerged beneath the North Sea, in these deposits are to be found many roots and other portions of trees, and bones of various kinds

of animals, and the great flint choppers, scrapers, and the hand-axes made by the people who, in those far distant days, humed, and loved and died in a land overflowing with game, and enjoying a warm and equable climate. When a hig scour of the beach mkes place, the archaeologist's bag may indeed be beavy, and the writer remembers on memorable occasion when no lewer than 250 humanly flaked flints—comprising chiefly flakes detached in the manufacture of implements—were recovered in the course of one winter morning. Above the forest bed, and forming the high cliffs of the Norfolk coast, are to forming the high cuts of the Nortolk coast, are to be seen great masses of glacial clays, sands, and gravels laid down by a vast ice-sheet which advanced from Scandinavia over the land now occupied by the North Sea. These glacial beds contain film implements derived from deposits torn up by the slowly moving ice, and, if one is blessed with a cool head and physical fitness, a day upon the cliffs results, generally, in a good haul of speciments.

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The archaeologist who goes to Cromer in the winter must be no armenair scientist. He must be able to take pleasure in the somewhat frield wildness of Nature, and to feel happy in his whomess of watere, and to teel happy in his extended tramps along the coast in the company of hooded crows and hovering seabirds. To those to whom these things appeal it is a great and lasting experience to stand upon the shore at East Runton, for example, when an on-shore gale from the north is driving the incoming tide in loam and fury before it towards the cliffs

Costa del Sol still shines

BRITISH holidaymakers still outnumber all others in the Costa del Sol. Last year 1.1 million arrived at Malaga airport - 36 per cent of the total number of arrivals. The Spanish themselves totalled 824.599, the Germans 284,542 and the French a mere 160,859, says the Costa del Sol tourist board.

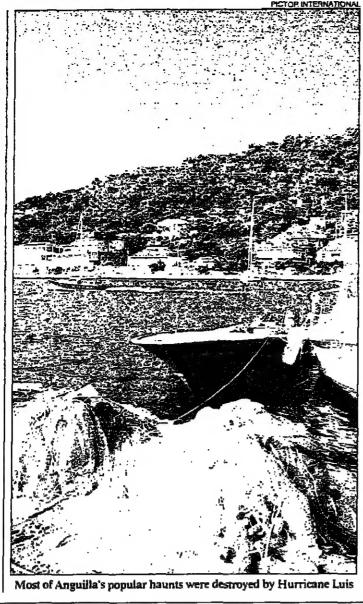
Word of the attractions of the Costa del Sol is spreading throughout the former Eastern bloc. In 1994 there were no Russian visitors but last year 26,624 arrived at Malaga airport.

Venice rocks

ST MARK'S Square in Venice is being taken over un February 17 and 18 for a free festival of electric and acoustic "world music" likely to attract 100,000 people. Womad World of Music. Arts and Dance - will stage the show, which will feature performances by the Paris-based Papa Wemba and other musicians from four continents.

Wanderlust

WHITBREAD the brewery is investing £25.000 in the Heineken travel bursary to encourage young people to fulfil their thirst for adventure. The bursary will be available to anyone aged between 18 and 35 who convinces the company that they are genuine in their urge to travel and who want to fulfil their "wildest dreams". Heineken says that last year 182,000 young Britons went to the Far East and 305,000 to Australia.



Hurricane clean-up

FROM ANTHONY HOLDEN IN ANGUILLA

brochures of such firms as Carib-

bean Connection, the exotic Casa-

stands empty, pending its immi-

is business as usual after a heroic

recovery from extensive damage -

the winter season.

THE PHONE was still out of order, and a mid-afternoon shower had turned the car park into a quagmire. But the food was spoton, and fine wines flowed like rum punch last Saturday night as 40 people turned out for the reopening of Mango's, one of Anguilla's most popular beachside restau-

To David Schnittlich of New Jersey, long a regular visitor to this small but most select of Caribbean islands, Mango's was simply "my favourite restaurant in the whole world". So last June he sold up his East Coast bagel chain and bought the place, in partnership with his wife. Carol. and a chef from one of Anguilla's luxury hotels.

As the Schnittlichs moved their wordly goods south to the sun, he closed Mango's for a three-month overhaul — only to watch dumb-struck on September 5, a week short of his grand reopening, as Hurricane Luis swept in and blew

all his dreams away.

"Next morning," he says, "I sat on the beach and wept for an hour." All that remained of his elegant, ocean-lapped restaurant were a few chunks of twisted concrete, tossed around like children's building blocks by Luis.

Mango's second coming could not have happened unless the seasoned Schnittlichs, unlike many of Anguilla's smaller-scale entrepreneurs, had taken out insurance. The azure coastline of this British crown colony holds many tales

chronicled in one of the before-and with less happy endings. In the eye of the storm for 14 hours. after picture albums now found all Anguillians awoke to find their over Anguilla. Another survivor is the exclusive island had been "browned" -deprived of its lush greenery and Shoal Bay West villa complex of

robbed of many of the pleasure Cove Castles, haunt of movie stars and other celebrities, much of domes beloved of its well-heeled holiday clientele -- on the brink of whose beach has gone west ending up outside the (destroyed and rebuilt) Paradise Cafe, "We're Not merely had roofs been blown not too bothered," Norman Luxemoff, walls demolished, floors underbourg, the manager, says, "Mother Nature will bring it back by June." Above it all — literally as well as mined and furniture waterlogged. but whole beaches had disappeared, depriving some of the West Indies' finest resorts of their raison d'être. At the luxury Cap Juluca

metaphorically, atop its stately Meads Bay bluff — rose the legendary Malliouhana, whose founder-owner Leon Roydon scarcely blinked when Luis made off with the wooden roof of his this week, a dredger is rebuilding the mile-long beach along Maunday's Bay before the planned re-opening next month of the hotel's 70 ritzy rooms. ocean-view restaurant and pillaged On Barnes Bay the once-famous his lavish gardens. Closed in September, as luck would have it, Mr Roydon didn't hang around for insurance assessors before replac-Coccoloba stands empty and devastated, a Mary Celeste among swank hotels, its pool full of rotting debris, its palatial halls as ravaged ing the roof and repainting the and windswept as the ghostly Xanadu at the end of Orson Welles's Citizen Kane.

Among other hotels familiar to British holidaymakers from the walls, importing 20 container-loads of palm trees from Florida, and welcoming his October guests as if

nothing much had happened. Built to withstand 160mph winds and the strongest earthquakes, the Malliouhana, widely regarded as the Caribbean's finest hotel, is the blanca on Rendezvous Bay (where only resort on the island now functioning at capacity. Amid the wreckage Luis left behind were the Queen stayed in 1994) also nent reopening under new Ameri-Anguilla's 1995-96 tourist figures. can management as the Sonesta Beach Resort. Over at Cinnamon But we are bouncing back," Mr Reef in Little Harbour, however, it Roydon, also a member of the island's tourist board, says. "Anguillians are very resilient."

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Scotland is tops with **US** tourists

By STEVE KEENAN

NORTH Americans discovering Britain by rail are choosing Scotland ahead of more traditional tourist areas. Four Scottish cities appear in the Top 20 cities, with Edinburgh second only to London and ahead of York.

Inverness also outstrips Bath and Chester, while Glasgow and Aberdeen have more appeal than Windermere in the Lake District. Cambridge and Stratford-upon-Avon do not appear at all.

The figures come from British Rail International, which has sold £20 million-worth of rail passes to American and Canadian tourists in the past year, worth on average

E150 for a week's travel.
"The Americans love the trains because they don't really use them at home. But Britain has a highly developed network and Scotland is a big attraction to them." Ross Furby, managing director of BR

International, says.
"If they buy a BR pass, people decide on average to go to three or four cities in the UK. Rail passes are a big growth area for us and sales are going up. We are pushing hard in the US."

BR International's Top 10 towns and cities for North American tourists are: l. London; 2. Edinburgh: 3. York: 4. Inverness: 5. Bath; 6, Chester: 7. Oxford: 8, Aberdeen; Glasgow; 9,

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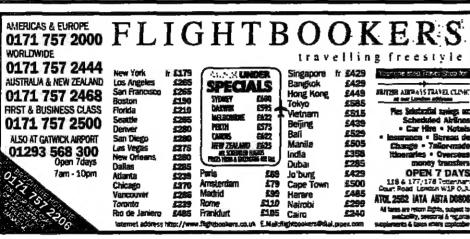
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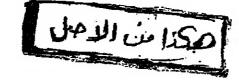
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BAILIFFSCOURT Hotel in West Sussex prides itself on its ability to pamper guests, espe-cially over a weekend when they can sleep in four-poster beds, read the Sunday papers in front of log fires in their own large bedroom-cum-sitting room and walk along the windswept pebble beach at Climping near Bognor Regis.

Last weekend I enjoyed just such a break in the "medieval" hotel fit was built from 13th, 14th and 15th-century timbers, stone and glass culled from places the current owners still blush to think about).

But like so many other good hotels with aspirations, Bail-iffscourt betrays that lack of class which ultimately separates the good from the great by its attitude to sauce. Brown sauce. Preferably HP.

I had ordered posched eggs on toast for breakfast. And, sure enough, they came per-fectly cooked, on crisp toast, served with hot, well-brewed tea. But when I asked for what I consider an essential part of such a meal - HP sauce - 1 got a look approaching that drawn on waiters' faces by



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H.M. Bateman in his "The man who ... " cartoons."
"We don't," I was told tartly, have brown sauce of any sort

Now I have eaten breakfasts brought to their full glory by brown sauce in some of the best hotels in Britain and its former colonies around the world. The very best hotels bring it in the bottle. Those that are still trying to make the grade serve it coyly in little pots with a spoon, lest other uests are offended. Then ome hotels such as Bailiffscourt which, although othergood, convince themthat brown sauce is eaten only by the people who really have no place in their

At the very bottom of the leap, of course, come thos that serve sauce in appalling plastic sachets which have to be ripped open with your

establishment.

And though the attitude towards HP sauce lies, in my view, at the very heart of hotel snobbery, there are any number of other affectations that indicate a hotel's real standing. Collecting shoes from outside a guest's door, for example, is naff. Removing them from the room without asking and quietly returning them later is class.

TEA-MAKING equipment which is prominently displayed with little packets of tea and coffee and UHT milk in tiny cartons is appalling. A kettle stored discreetly out of sight but with jars of coffee and good tea and - most important of all — fresh milk in a fridge or mini-bar is style, especially if the hotel makes it plain that there are also staff who will happily bring you tea or coffee at any time of the day

Radios built into the bedside cabinet that never seem to work properly but which, you are told, are the only means of obtaining a wake-up call, are a clear indication that the hotel

has a long way to go.
But then we all have our own prejudices and snobberies. My weekend really was relaxing and I enjoyed so many aspects of Bailiffs-court. It would have been perfect had I been able to get my HP sauce.

Hotels Holiday that take the bookings slump

BY HARVEY ELLIOTT

improvement during the next

She blamed a combination

of two developments for "trick-

ling" consumer confidence:

the retreat of the "nanny state"

and the prevalence of tempo-

rary employment contracts. But against that, she said,

"When things look bleak, when we have to take greater

responsibility for our own

welfare, every now and then

people say, 'let's forget it all

and have a good time'. They

are not prepared to make long-

term commitments but at

some stage they are going to

say, 'I've had enough, let's go

Mr Bennett told the same

meeting: "There are people out

there who are not yet con-

vinced that they are getting the

best deal or that there is going

and have a holiday.

stands the Dunkirk spirit.

to take a holiday.

AS HOLIDAYMAKERS continue to shun summer packages and bookings stubbornly remain about 25 per cent below last year's levels, official figures have revealed the full extent of the sales slump within the travel industry.

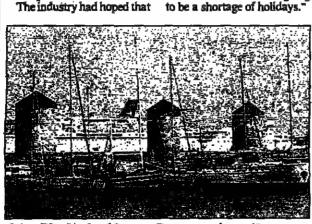
The leading five tour operators have reduced the number of holidays they have applied for licences to sell this year by 17.3 per cent, 11.5 per cent fewer than they sold last summer.

The top five together accounted for more than 60 per cent of all the airline seats and holidays officially licensed by the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) last summer.

Tour operators are pre-pared to sell fewer holidays at profitable prices rather than be left with holidays that have to be sold at uneconomic prices in the late-booking market," says Helen Simpson, head of licensing and finance at the CAA.

The average price of a foreign package holiday increased from £356 in 1994 to £361 last year, says the CAA, and the number of holiday makers flying from Britain rose by about 7 per cent in 1995. But the figures fail to show the sudden drop in sales which led to widespread discounting during the year.

There was an increase in passenger numbers but prices were clearly under pressure there was a fall in average real terms despite the fact that tour operators had to bear higher costs and taxes than in the summer of 1994," Mrs Simpson says.
The industry had hoped that



Open Rhodes: bookings to Greece are down 40 per cent



Johanne Masheder: her body was found in a cave after she failed to return home

Backpack safety drive

By Tony Dawe and Carol Midgley

TRAVEL companies which specialise in backpacking holidays are busy trying to reassure young people — and their parents — that, with a few precautions, these trips safe, inspiring and rewarding.

The murder of Johanne Masheder, whose body was found in Thailand last weekend at the end of a threemonth trip, has shocked the industry and worried parents of those planning similar iournevs.

Her death is the latest in the list of killings and kidnappings of young British travel-lers in India, Africa and South East Asia in recent years. Miss Masheder, 23, a law graduate who was about to start work with a firm of London solicitors, was one of the many thousands who take a year off before or after

"We will certainly not from going to Thai-land, says Gillian Smith, marketing manager of STA Travel.
"but we will advise

university

them to take extra care. They should check the leaflets prepared for young, independent travellers, read the guide books, especially for areas where recent disturbances have occurred and check with the Foreign Office."

STA. which handles 350,000 young travellers a year, has prepared leaflets entitled Travel Inbetween and Travelling Solo to offer guidance on planning a trip and avoiding trouble. "We also run a help desk for travellers to call should they lose their passport, get mugged or have a nervous breakdown." says

Jennifer Cox. spokeswoman for Lonely Planet guide books, says Thailand is one of the safest places to travel

WHEN TRAVELLING SOLO....

Don't arrive alone at airports or train stations late at night

Miss Smith.

Don't drink alcohol alone in public Don't hitch-hike

Don't draw attention to your cash or openly change large amounts Don't pore over maps on the street

alone because the country is geared to backpackers. She advises travellers, however, to leave an itinerary of their journey with relatives, so their course can be tracked if they go missing, and to ring home at least once a week. "Being safe while you are travelling comes down to how to carry yourself," she says. "If you give the impression of knowing what you're doing, people won't take advantage.

Few travel experts believe that the horror of Miss Masheder's death or other recent tragedies will deter backpackers, eager for adventure in exotic places. Sophie Brown, a final year student from Manchester, remains determined to backpack through Asia. "My parents

are trying to persuade me to go with them to Greece instead," she says, "but I have told them I want to cut loose before I get bogged STA Travel leaflets from 0171-937 1221: For-

eign Office travel advice line: 0171-270 412914179

BARGAINS OF THE WEEK

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4555. holiday in California for £99 A WEEK in a 2-star hotel in Limassol, Cyprus, leaving Gatwick next Wednesday is on a special Air Travel Advisory Bureau offer. Accompanying adults will pay available for £179 per person from Sunworld. Details: 0113 £563 for return BA flights,

week's car hire. Details: 0171-☐ CRYSTAL France is offering savings of £156 plus a free welcome hamper at ☐ EUROCAMP has extended its early booking offer selected villas until January until January 31. Savings of £30 are available on tents 31. Details: 018I-390 3335. and mobile homes at 280 sites with an extra £50

SKIING holidays for a week in France, Switzerland and Andorra, with deparday, are available at savings of £20 to £50 per person from

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ing on August 22 or 23. Details: 01565 626262.

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☐ TWO nights in Budapest during February and March at a 5-star hotel with return scheduled flights cost £299 per person with Moswin. Details: 0116 271 9922.

DSAVE up to half the brochure price on some cruises by booking at Lunn Poly before January 31. De-tails: 01203 223300.

HOLIDAY Inn HOTELS has extended

special Weekender rates at 170 hotels in Europe, the Middle East and Africa to weekdays. Offers, which include £45 per room per night at the Glasgow Holiday Inn Garden Court with break-fast, are available until the end of February. Details:

☐ INTER-CONTINENTAL Hotel and Resorts has a "winter sale" of its Heart of the City breaks at 48 European horels until January 31. A typical deal is £69 per room per night at the Hamburg hotel, available every day. Details: 0345 581444.

UVISA cardholders can obtain discounts of up to 30 per cent off regular rates at 140 hotels throughout the world

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that are members of the reservation com-Supra-National Hotels. Hotels range from Praha in Prague to the Jurys Kensington in London. Res-

DEGERTON House in Knightsbridge, a London town house hotel, has a rate of £160 for two per night instead of the usual £195 until the end of February. Details: 0171-589 2412.

ervations 0500 303030.

THE Old Course hotel at St Andrews in Scotland has a special offer of £99 per person until the end of March for two nights' accommodation, full Scottish breakfast and use of the hotel's leisure spa facilities. Fees for the hotel's new golf course are extra. Details: 01334 474371.

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er automatical-AND FERRIES 31. Each passenger (a minifares. A peak season crossmum of two people must travel) pays £99, which ining from Hull to Zeebrugge or Rotterdam falls from E506 cludes return flights from

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public transport and museums. Details: 0181-742 6600. BOOK seven days ahead. include a Saturday night away and Maersk Air will sell you a Gatwick-Copenha-

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gen ticket for just £120. Details: 0171-333 0066.

LE Shuttle has special daytrip and overnight lares for travel from Folkestone to Calais until March 31, but excluding February 15-25. Details: 0990 353535.

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ly including meals as part of to £385 for an outside cabin for four people plus car.

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☐ STENA Line is cutting 50 per cent off caravan fares on

and Dover-Calais throughout 1996, for bookings by January 31. The saving is up to £38. Details: 0990 707070. ☐ IRISH Ferries has a long

weekend offer (leave Friday and back on Tuesday) from Holyhead and Pembroke of £134 return until March 26. It also has a 48-hour return of £63. Bookings by January 31. Both fares are for a car and five passengers. Details: 0345 171717.

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Luxury Bali hotel Bargains to France finishes £14m refit By STEVE KEENAN January 31. While Keycamp

FRANCE is hoping to win late bookings this year by cashing in on the slump in traditional Mediterranean holidays.

Britain's biggest five operators have already responded to poor demand by axing 1.4 million holidays for summer 1996, and more reductions are expected, so consumers may not find the usual flood of late bargains. With a ferry price war expected this summer, the French Tourist Office believes many families may make a late decision to opt for a holiday across the

Channel instead. "There are bound to be deals to France this year," says Dennis Fabri, FTO marketing director. "The battle among the ferry companies will continue ~ they won't hold their nerve this year." France is failing, along with other major summer destinations, to attract early bookings, with the result that special offers

are already appearing, some as a result of the lerry war. Drive France is cutting £50 off holidays, including a P&O European Ferries crossing to Cherbourg or Le Havre, while those booking a holiday with a Brittany Ferries day crossing will receive a free cabin; both to be booked by February 5.

French Country Camping is adding two free nights to twoweek holidays and giving away £10 meal vouchers on Stena Line for bookings by

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per person for five nights camping in Picardy and Normandy. "Operators are getting no business but they need the money in to pay salaries, if nothing else," says M Fabri. The FTO is pushing its message that, despite the strong france is cheap to reach and is good value for self-catering families.

under £100 per person holi-

days", with prices from £30

Its argument was given a boost this week by Sunsites, the camping company, which has surveyed the cost of 15 items bought at Tesco in Northwich, Cheshire with the equivalent bought at Carrefour in Calais. The British shopping basket cost £19.28, compared with €19.28 £14.10 in Calais.

FROM BILL FROST IN BALL last month cut July and Au gust prices by 5 per cent, and THE Nusa Dua Beach hotel, has now launched a series of

on the Indonesian island of Bali, owned by the Sultan of Brunei and considered by many to be the most opulent in the Pacific, this week completed a £14.5 million facelift. The hotel remained open during the redevelopment

although Kevin O'Hagan, the general manager, admits that perhaps it should have closed. Some people were upset with us," he says. But even the most curmudgeonly visitor would be hard-pressed to fault the new

elegance and comfort of the 380 guest rooms and suites. A new "palace" wing offers extreme opulence and absolute privacy. It is to this wing, with its liveried butler service. that Mr O'Hagan hopes to attract some big names. Former guests include Ronald

King Hussein. Having once suffered from a scarcity of luxury accommodation, this corner of the

Reagan, Helmut Kohl and

island now has a glut. And the Nusa Dua Beach Hotel has a fight on its hands. Mr O'Hagan says: "We have to offer something different from everybody else. We have a new spa with health and beauty treatments and conference

centre facilities. We are all

WEEKEND TRAVEL

competing fiercely now."

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Queen refuses to bail out Duchess

■ The Queen is refusing to help the Duchess of York with her debts, which are more than £1 million, Buckingham Palace said yesterday.

The Duchess, whose spending far outreaches her income. must face her money responsibilities alone, according to the palace. Her overdraft, which is said to be with Coutts bank, could attract interest charges of £91,000 a year at a rate of 2.5

Tory MPs report plot to oust Major

A group of Tory grandees is privately plotting to oust John Major after the expected losses in the May council elections. Conservative MPs have told The Times that the group of the "great and the good" includes leading figures previously regarded as loyal to the Prime Minister......Page I

Vasectomy warning

Three judges warned women not

to take for granted a lover's assur-

ance that he had had a vasectomy

and could not make her pregnant.

An Oxford teacher had claimed

damages against a pregnancy ad-

University applications are down

by 5.000 this year, the first fall

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Bernard Connolly, the British EU

official whose attack on monetary

union caused a furore last Sep-

tember, was sacked by the Brus-

sels CommissionPage 11

The prosecution of seven senior

politicians for alleged involve-

ment in a financial scandal has

stunned the political establish-

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Fewer students

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Black Sea deal

pro-Chechen commandos who hijacked a Black Sea ferry and threatened to blow it up agreed in principle to end the crisis peacefully........... Pages 1, 12, 13, 19 Petrol price war

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Shell followed Esso's price cuts by taking up to 4.4p a litre off its prices at all 2,000 of its garages. starting a discount war between Britain's largest petrol Page i

Virgin challenge

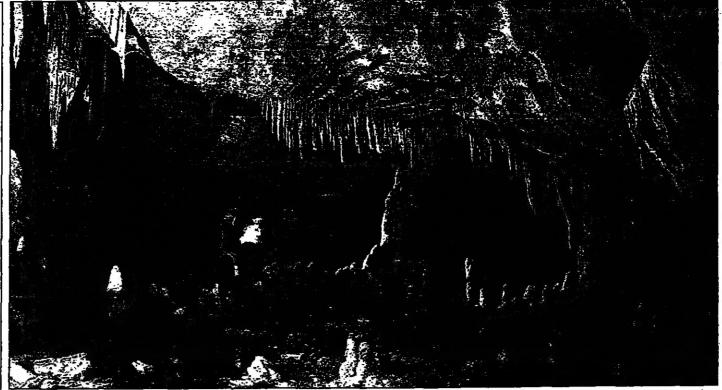
Virgin Television launched a legal challenge against the Independent Television Commission's decision to award the fifth channel licence to Channel 5 Broadcasting (C5B)Page 5

TV sports levy

A former Tory sports minister called for a £5 "sports levy" to be added to the TV licence fee to counter competition from satellite

....... Page 6 Church's direct line to Heaven

David Wills, vicar of Mossley Hill in Liverpool, wants to use his church as an aerial for a mobile telephone company. Parishioners are appalled by the prospect of phone users, who include drug dealers and criminals, routing their calls via the House of God. The company's payment will help towards the £200,000 urgently needed for building work...



A cave at Bruniquel, near Toulouse, where French archaeologists have found signs of human habitation 50,000 years ago

BUSINESS

EMU: A European Central Bank is unworkable under current economic and political conditions and should be postponed, says Lord Tugendhat, chairman of Abbey National and a former European Commissioner

Gas: Competition to supply gas to 500,000 homes in the south-west of England may have to be delayed because of concerns at British Gas that technical preparations are incomplete, the regulator for the gas industry said

Forte: The decisive moment in the battle for Forte comes tomorrow when both Forte and Granada hold their final meeting with Mercury Asset Management, the fund manager with 15 per cent of Forte and a similar Granada stake Page 25

Markets: The FT-SE 100 index fell 6.4 points to close at 3704.2. Sterling's trade-weighted index fell from 83.4 to 83.2 after a fall from \$1.5383 to \$1.5295 and from DM2.2419 to DM2.2390 Page 28

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Football: England will open their qualifying programme for the 1998 World Cup with an away game against Moldavia. Scotland start with a visit to Austria Page 48 Tenols: Tim Henman, Britain's ione survivor in the Australian Open, submitted with regrettable ease in the second round of the

of Sweden ... _Page 45 Rugby union: Dean Richards will be on the replacements' bench for England in their opening five nations' championship match against France after the withdrawal of Tim

men's singles to Jonas Bjorkman.

... Page 42 Rodber ... Racing: Tony McCoy, the rising star among National Hunt jockeys. rode his 100th winner of the season at Nottingham and went on to complete a 22-1 treble Page 43

Skiling: After the death of the downhill skier Kirsteen McGibbon John Bryant examines the conflicting demands for greater speed on skis and greater safety Page 46

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drinks himself to oblivion in Mike Figgis's Leaving Las Vegas, while Michelle Pfeiffer works miracles on inner-city kids in the rose-tinted Dangerous MindsPage 37 Covent Garden triumph: The Royal Opera's new production of The Midsummer Marriage confirms that Michael Tippett's postwar op-

Films of the week: Nicolas Cage

era is one of the great works of the 20th century _ ...Page 38 Opera move: English National Opera has launched a home for experimental work in east London, in a fresh attempt to nurture new

talent... ...Page 38 Mime high: If you get into the right mood, there is beauty, gravity and wonder in Raimund Hoghe's 90minute requiem, Meinwarts, which is part of the London International ...Page 39

Mime Festival... Young Arts: Hilary Finch explains how young deaf children are being taught to speak with the aid of _.Page 39 music therapy

Royal in-laws: How the turbulent marriages of Charles and Andrew brought the Queen to the brink of

..... Page 15

despair_

Miners' fingers: Dr Thomas Stattaford on what causes white finger disease

Cut back on cut price: As sales of package holidays slump, tour operators are cutting back on ... Pages 22, 23 destinations.

The fighting in Pervomaiskoye may win Boris Yeltsin support from some Communist and nationalist voters but it seems unlikely to secure his re-election and could undermine whatever hope he may harbour of sustaining reform in a second term as President - The New York Times

Proview: Can a randomly chosen foursome become the new Take That? Inside Story: A Band Is Born (BBCI, 10pm). Review: Matthew Bond on how Hollywood men try to improve their manhood Page 47

Sea of troubles

The West must soon ask whether it should still offer such visible support for President Yeltsin, a man in such floundering .Page 19 contradictions ..

Public companies

In the last act of the Granada-Forte soap opera, fund managers should remember they are entrusted with the public's savings, the public confidence in the City and a good deal else besides...

Seize the time

The best rebuke MPs of all parties can deliver to the Government's limp cowardice over the daylight saving Bill is a large enough presence in the House on Friday to prolong the debate Page 19

WILLIAM REES-MOGG

Rome at the time of the Emperor Augustus, Venice in the age of Titian, London in the year of Waterloo, New York in the Roaring Twenties must have had Hong Kong's heady feeling of unlimited energy.

PETER RIDDELL

palaces

The Liberal Democrats have survived the Blair phenomenon and could still have an influential role in the next parliament...... Page 10

Kaye Webb, publisher, His Hon

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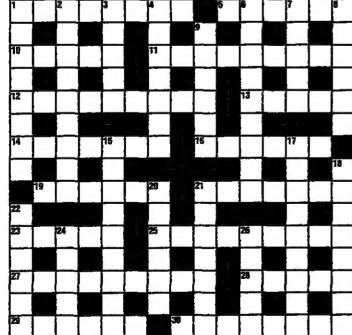
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11 Complete change in the heartless female in volume one (5-4). 12 Make arrogant pronouncement about God to artist, without a

point (9). 13 Like Katisha as daughter-in-law. pick and choose (5). 14 Bend the knee in bed (7).

16 Fixed peg in seat (6).
19 Live at place near Brighton to be lit. in a word (6). 21 Runner - one who worries (7). 23 Endure a burn (5).

25 Hollywood star dancer's finale in can-can (3-3-3).

Solution to Puzzle No 20,066

RATILITERY 27 Strange choice before vital game Transport route that carries your

food, for example (5). 29 It's about all there for nourishing drink (6). Does any

prehend the point of such a long journey? (8). DOWN I The cure is not a diet, anyway! (S).

2 Device for measuring cats and dogs (4-5). 3 Sea maiden — is transformed into a Greek character (5).

4 Bill is vocal (7). 6 He does yeoman service for the meat consumer (9). 7 Treatment for American with

senility (5). 8 No trumps accepted in women's tournaments (6). 9 Those who work with nippers (6).

17 Being sixteen, wanting to reform church (9). 18 Statesman and tale-telling old landowner (8).

15 Very low floor (5-4).

20 Bather's cry of joy as the water rose (6).

21 Sweet young aristocrat contem-plated (7). 22 Player is too boisterous, to some extent (b). 24 Toes the line and serves (5).

26 Indians can broadcast within island (5). Times Two Crossword, page 48

FORECAST ☐ General: England and Wales will have a dull start with log at the east and cloud

a cull start with rog in an east and cloud covering high ground in west. During the morning it will brighten up with sunny spells in places, especially North Wales and parts of southern England. Scotland and Northern Ireland will have some rain or drizzle in the north-west but elsewhere it will be cloudly but mainly dry Eastern parts can expect some sunny intervals but cloud and intermittent drizzle will spread cloud and intermittent drizzle will spread to all parts after dark.

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mist and fog slow to lift, remaining mainly cloudy with paticity fog. Wind light southeast. Max 8C (46F).

SW England, S Wales, N Wales, NW England, Lake District, late of Manccloudy start, hill fog. Brighter later with some sun in east, lackated chizzle on western coasts, intermittent drizzle overnight. Wind moderate south, becoming light west. Mild in bright spells, Max 10C (50F).

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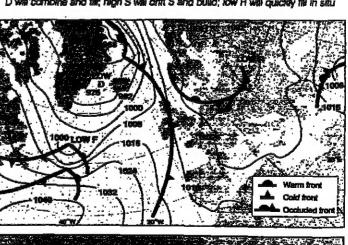
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